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Tax hike for roads requires risky statewide vote

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Gov. Rick Snyder and other advocates for increased transportation funding are betting that Michigan voters are fed up enough with inferior roads that they won't blink at a $1.7 billion tax hike whose centerpiece is a 1-percentage point sales tax increase.

It's a risky plan, especially if conservative interests spend heavily to urge its defeat and too many business groups that preferred a lawmaker-approved net gasoline tax hike decide to sit on the sidelines.

Major manufacturers spent almost $8 million ensuring passage of a complicated business tax cut that was on the August ballot – and which had minimal organized opposition. Selling the 7 percent sales tax to voters this May will be a heavy lift and require money.

"It's not a lock by any stretch of the imagination," said Sen. Mike Kowall, a White Lake Republican who put the odds of the measure's passage at 50-50.

The road funding plan includes elements that could make it more palatable to the public and a broad coalition of organizations likely to promote it.

Fuel taxes, at least initially, would stay the same because while per-gallon gas and diesel taxes would rise under legislation that would take effect only if the ballot proposal is OK'd, the sales tax on fuel would go away. It would ensure all taxes paid at the pump go to transportation infrastructure.

Schools and local governments, which would have lost revenue under an earlier House plan to eliminate the sales tax on fuel, would see $400 million a year more. Some 775,000 low-income households could claim an annual tax credit worth on average $300 more per family.

Organized labor wants to put thousands of people to work rebuilding highways and repairing bridges if the additional funding comes through. Drivers could more freshly remember

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Christmas 1914: The day even WWI showed humanity

By RAF CASERT
Associated Press

PLOEGSTEERT, Belgium — With British and German forces separated only by a no-man's land littered with fallen comrades, sounds of a German Christmas carol suddenly drifted across the frigid air: "Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht" ("Silent Night, Holy Night").

Then, during that first Christmas Day in World War I, something magical happened.

Soldiers who had been killing each other by the tens of thousands for months climbed out of their soggy, muddy trenches to seek a shred of humanity amid the horrors of war.

Hands reached out across the narrow divide, presents were exchanged, and in Flanders Fields a century ago, a spontaneous Christmas truce briefly lifted the human spirit.

"Not a shot was fired," Lt. Kurt Zehmisch of the 134th Saxony regiment wrote with amazement in his diary that Christmas.

On the other side of the front line, Pvt. Henry Williamson of the London Rifle Brigade was amazed by the goodwill among his enemies. "Yes, all day Xmas Day & as I write. Marvelous, isn't it?"

Few could be believe their eyes, especially on this mud-caked patch of Belgium and northern France where crimson poppies had long ago shriveled in the cold.

Peace allowed for corpses to be recovered from the fields and given a proper burial. Fighting continued

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Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Deb Clement, right, with the Berrien County Health Department, checks the temperature of a soup with Tim Hendren, executive chef at the Inn at Harbor Shores, during a visit earlier this month. Avoiding the "danger zone" of temperatures of food – between 40 and 135 degrees – in which bacteria can grow is an important practice in preventing food-borne illnesses.

Eat, drink and be wary

Health officials offer tips to prevent food-borne illnesses

By JOHN MATUSZAK
HP Staff Writer

It's the season when family and friends gather to feast and share gifts.

But the one thing no one wants to go home with is a food-borne illness, whether it's from a favorite restaurant or mom's kitchen.

The Berrien County Health Department's team of four sanitarians works to make sure that people walk away with a tummy full of their favorite goodies, and nothing else when they go out to eat. They conduct 1,100 restaurant inspections a year, along with other food establishments.

Over the last decade, the focus of inspections has shifted from merely checking the corners for dirt to promoting safe food handling and preparation.

"We're educators as well as regulators," said Deb Clement, the team leader who has been with the county health department for 26 years.

"Health departments are working so much behind the scenes in Berrien County and across

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Kitchen staff use test kits to measure the strength of sanitizer solutions at Plank's Tavern at the Inn at Harbor Shores earlier this month. The Berrien County Health Department's four sanitarians conduct 1,100 restaurant inspections every year, along with school kitchens and other establishments and vendors. They check everything from cleanliness to employees' knowledge of safe food-handing practices.

Food safety tips

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service recommends these steps to avoid food-related illnesses:

Shopping

- Keep raw meat, poultry, and seafood away from other foods in your grocery cart.
- Buy cold foods last.
- Ask the cashier to place your raw meat, poultry and seafood in a separate bag.

Food preparation

- Use separate cutting boards for raw meat and ready-to-eat items like vegetables or bread.
- Prepare uncooked recipes before recipes requiring raw meat to reduce cross-contamination. Store them out of the way while preparing meat dishes to ensure they don't become contaminated after preparation.
- Use a meat thermometer to check the internal temperature of dishes to ensure they are fully cooked and safe to eat. Fresh beef, pork, veal and lamb should be cooked to 145 degrees with a three-minute rest time; fish should be cooked to 145 degrees; ground beef, veal and lamb and egg dishes should be cooked to 160; and all poultry should be cooked to 165.

Cooking for groups

- Keep hot food hot and cold food cold, using chafing dishes or crock pots and ice trays. Hot items should remain above 140 and cold items should remain below 40.
- Use several small plates when serving food.
- Discard perishable foods left out for two hours or more.

If you have specific food safety questions call the USDA Meat and Poultry hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) or chat live with a food safety specialist at AskKaren.gov, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, in English and Spanish.

Information also is available at www.holidayfoodsafety.org.

Sony saga blends foreign intrigue with Hollywood star wattage

By TAMI ABDOLLAH and ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The hackers who hit Sony Pictures Entertainment days before Thanksgiving crippled the network, stole gigabytes of data and spilled into public view unreleased films and reams of private and sometimes embarrassing executive emails.

One month later, the Obama administration confirmed what many had suspected: The North Korean government was behind the punishing breach. U.S. officials are promising a response, unspecified so far.

It was an extraordinarily public reaction from the highest levels of American government, considering that far more vital domestic interests have taken hits from foreign hackers in recent years – including the military, major banks and makers of nuclear and solar power whose trade secrets were siphoned off in a matter of mouse clicks.

Yet even in a digital era with an endless cycle of cyberattacks, none has drawn the public's attention like the Sony breach and its convergence of sensational plotlines:

- an isolated dictator half a world away.
- damaging Hollywood gossip from the executive suite.
- threats of terrorism against Christmas Day moviegoers.
- the American president chastising a corporate decision to shelve a satirical film.
- normally reticent law enforcement agencies laying bare their case against the suspected culprits.

"I can't remember the U.S. talking about a proportional response to Chinese espionage or infiltration of critical infrastructure for that matter, as a policy issue in the same way that we're talking about this today," said Jacob Olcott, a cyberpolicy and legal issues expert at Good Harbor Security Risk Management and a former adviser to Congress.

President Barack Obama said Friday the U.S. would respond to the cyberattack, though he did not say how, after the FBI publicly blamed North Korea. He also criticized Sony's decision to cancel the release of "The Interview," a comedy about a plot to assassinate

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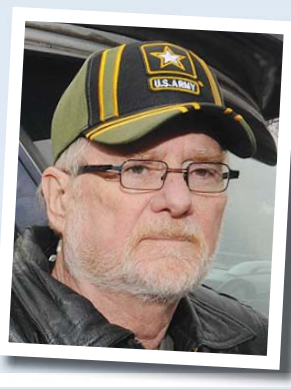

Army veteran Marc Rankin of St. Joseph talks about donating his time to escort other veterans to the VA Medical Center in Battle Creek. In **Q&A.**

Wednesday

Harbor Country Progressives will be cooking up a meal at Benton Harbor's Soup Kitchen, and what's a Christmas dinner without cookies for dessert? They share their recipes in **FOOD**.

Thursday

Duke Tumatoe returns to Czar's 505 for a post-Christmas show. In **ENTERTAINMENT.**

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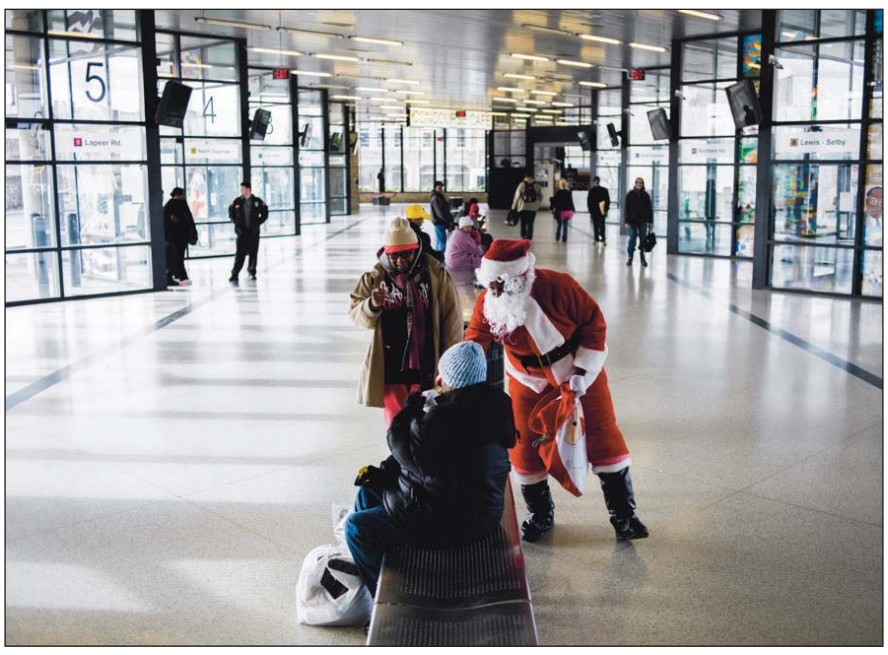

Jake May / The Flint Journal / AP

Santa Claus hands a candy cane to Flint resident Talisa Skinner as the Mass Transportation Authority's Choir performs holiday songs Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, at the downtown MTA Transportation Center in Flint.

Michigan

Lawsuit over police dog's bite stays alive

HOWELL (AP) — An appeals court won't free a Livingston County sheriff's deputy from a lawsuit by a woman who was bitten by a police dog after attending a self-help conference.

Anthony Clayton isn't entitled to immunity. The decision Friday means the case can continue in Detroit federal court.

Terry Greco of Old Lyme, Connecticut, was attending a conference in Howell in 2011. She became lost on her way to a hotel, and her car got stuck on the side of a road.

There's no dispute that Greco earlier had been drinking wine.

Lotteries

Saturday drawings

Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
19-24-28-32-33-36
Poker Lotto
JC-JD-AD-QS-7H
Midday Daily 3
3-0-6
Midday Daily 4
5-0-2-7
Daily 3
0-5-5
Daily 4
9-0-1-2
Fantasy 5
02-12-18-22-31
Keno
01-08-12-16-17-18-24-31-33-36-40-42-46-47-48-56-59-61-65-69-74-78
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: $142 million
Powerball
Estimated jackpot: $90 million

Indiana
Quick Draw Midday
01-06-07-14-20-23-30-32-35-44-46-55-59-60-61-63-71-74-78-79
Daily Three-Midday
5-4-4
Daily Four-Midday
7-8-7-7

Illinois
Hit or Miss Midday
01-03-05-07-10-11-14-15-17-18-22-23, GLN : 3
Hit or Miss Morning
01-03-06-07-08-11-12-14-16-19-22-24, GLN : 3
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
07-16-28-37-38
Pick Three-Midday
6-4-8, Fireball: 7
Pick Four-Midday
4-4-9-5, Fireball: 3

Friday evening drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
10-16-26-35-41
Estimated jackpot: $171,000
Millionaires Club
03-08-28-50-52, Bonus: 10
Estimated jackpot: $25 million
Poker Lotto
JC-JD-KD-9D-8H
Daily Three-Evening
4-1-5
Daily Four-Evening
4-3-5-3
Quick Draw Evening
02-03-05-07-10-15-24-27-40-41-45-48-51-54-58-59-65-67-71-76

Illinois
Pick Three-Evening
1-2-9, Fireball: 6
Pick Four-Evening
9-9-8-0, Fireball: 7
Lucky Day Lotto
02-11-14-18-30
Estimated jackpot: $550,000

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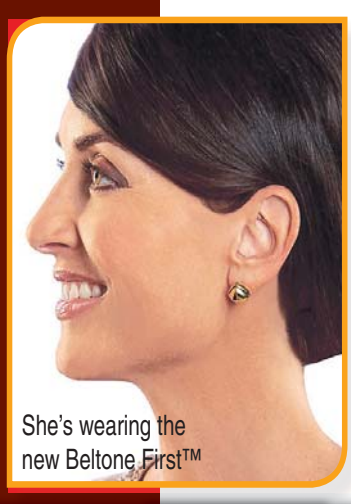

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5-year program offers degrees to high schoolers

By JULIE MACK
Kalamazoo Gazette

KALAMAZOO — Kalamazoo County's nine school districts are launching a new program in which students can earn a degree or certificate from Kalamazoo Valley Community College during a "13th grade" in high school.

Known as Early/Middle College, tuition and fees will be paid by school districts, which will collect the state's per-pupil foundation allowance for those students, school superintendents told the Kalamazoo Gazette (http://bit.ly/1slTeR7).

The Schoolcraft and Gull Lake school districts are piloting the program this school year. It is tentatively scheduled for implementation in fall 2015 at the other seven districts – Kalamazoo, Portage, Vicksburg, Comstock, Parchment, Galesburg-Augusta and Climax-Scotts – pending approval of the individual school boards, which is currently under way.

"Since college education is more important and more expensive than ever, we believe this will be a potentially powerful option for students," said David Campbell, superintendent of the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency.

In essence, the superintendents said, the Early/Middle College program is an expansion of dual enrollment, the program that allows Michigan high school students to take college classes for free. It also builds on Kalamazoo County's Education for Employment and Education for the Arts, which offer career and technical education classes.

The big difference from dual enrollment and EFE/EFA: Rather than take random classes for college credit, Early/Middle College students will focus on a specific program of study. Also, they will delay high school graduation for a year, and they will use that fifth year of high school to potentially earn an associate's degree or vocational certificate from KVCC.

While it will take those students five years to graduate high school, once they do, they'll be ready to either enter the workforce in a skilled trade or transfer to a four-year college as a junior.

Early/Middle College initially will offer seven programs of study: An associate's degree for students transferring to a four-year college; an associate's degree in graphic design or machine-tool technology; a certificate in graphic design or machine-tool technology, and a certificate of completion to be a welder or personal computer support technician.

The programs for welders, machinists, computer technicians and graphic designers were chosen based on local job demand, school officials said.

"Local manufacturers and businesses are very interested in this," said Deb Miller, who oversees EFE. "We're keeping them in the loop."

Carrie Pickett-Erway, president/CEO of the Kalamazoo Community Foundation, said she and others see Early/Middle College as a critical part of efforts to create a "cradle-to-career" education system in Kalamazoo County.

"This is a big moment for the community," Pickett-Erway said. "It's very exciting."

The program "is a direct path from high school to college to jobs in high demand," Pickett-Erway said.

It's also a big deal for students who want to earn a four-year degree, she said.

Campbell and Pickett-Erway said local officials have talked for years about having an Early/Middle College here.

EMC "is something many people have been trying to bring to life for almost 10 years, but it's always gotten stalled at different points because of funding or infrastructure issues," she said.

What made a difference this time: The Learning Network of Greater Kalamazoo, which is operated through the Kalamazoo Community Foundation, kicked in $150,000 for the planning process, and KVCC, KRESA and the Lumina Foundation also offered support.

That paid for people to work on putting the necessary pieces in place. The main point person has been Jim Murphy, who works for KRESA.

A big part of the process is coordinating among nine school districts with different ideas of how EMC would best work in their district, as well as working with KVCC and the EFE/EFA programs.

"It's a difficult thing to get off the ground," Campbell said.

He said the program is being "customized" and will operate a little differently in each high school.

But in general, most students will enter the Early/Middle College program as a sophomore by taking a college success strategies course at their home high school.

That course, which is required for entrance into EMC, will teach the study skills that students need for college-level classes – such as how to take notes and study effectively for a test.

EMC students would then take dual-enrollment classes at KVCC or specific courses that offer college credit through EFE and EFA during their junior and senior year, school officials said.

The students' fifth year of high school would be mainly spent at KVCC finishing up their college program of study, although students could take classes such at their home high school, such as band or choir.

While they are taking college classes, students must participate in "seminar" – a regular meeting of EMC students to talk about their experiences and share tips and resources. Each EMC student also will be assigned a mentor, who will help oversee their progress.

The college strategies class, seminar meetings and mentors are considered key to helping teenagers make the transition to higher education and stay on track.

Students can enter the EMC program after sophomore year, but they are still required to take the college strategies class first and may not be able to finish the college program by the end of their fifth year of high school.

The associate's degree programs require students to earn 62 credit hours, which is equivalent to four or five full-time semesters. The certificate programs run between 10 and 32 hours.

Ramon Espinosa / AP

Youths sing and play music as they hang out in a park in Havana, Cuba, on Friday. For a generation that grew up believing the best way to pursue their dreams was to leave the island, the announcement this week that Cuba will open relations with the U.S. is prompting many to re-evaluate their futures. Also, Cuban-Americans are considering what the changes will mean for their lives, whether they are significant enough to present a once far-fetched chance for them to return.

A chance to breach divide for young in Cuba and US

By E. EDUARDO CASTILLO and CHRISTINE ARMARIO
Associated Press

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> **JOVAN RODRIGUEZ**
> Miami architect

HAVANA — Daniela Martinez long figured that someday she would leave the struggles of daily life in Cuba and join her uncle in the United States, but after the events of the last few days, the 18-year-old medical student thinks exile may not be her only choice.

"He always tells me things are better there," Martinez said, gesturing with her chin toward the sea leading to Florida. Dangling her legs over the edge of the Malecon, the iconic concrete seawall where entertainment-starved young Havanans gather each evening, she said, "I think things are going to get better."

For a generation that grew up believing the best way to pursue their dreams was to leave the island, the announcement this week that Cuba will open relations with the United States is prompting many to re-evaluate their futures. At the same time, Cuban-Americans are considering what the changes will mean for their lives, with some even wondering whether they are significant enough to present a once far-fetched chance for them to return.

The five decades of estrangement since Fidel Castro came to power in the Cuban revolution have created an economic and psychological gulf much wider than the 90 miles of the Florida Straits. But the opening of relations, with increased travel and communication, stands to narrow those differences and create new opportunities, especially for young people less burdened by the past.

For Cubans like Martinez, it may mean that becoming a doctor won't limit her to a meager state salary. For others, there is the hope of Internet access and an end to the desperation that leads thousands to migrate each year. Cuban-Americans, meanwhile, see the possibility of starting businesses in their homeland, connecting with their roots and putting aside the bitterness of parents and grandparents who were arrested, exiled or had property seized in the revolution.

"My family always said they weren't going back until Fidel died," said Vanessa Garcia, a 35-year-old writer in Miami whose parents left Cuba in the 1960s. "But it seemed like that was something that was hurting us rather than helping us in many ways. It's lasted much longer than anybody thought it would."

Some change already has been in the works. Cuba did away with a longstanding restriction on overseas travel last year, and knowledge of modern culture has been making its way into the island via TV and flash drives brought from overseas – enough for people here to know what they are missing. Young people increasingly are on Facebook, even if they don't manage to get online often. And in the other direction, Cuban-Americans have been visiting in greater numbers, often helping to keep their extended families afloat.

Many in Florida grew up hearing their grandparents' stories about fleeing from communism. The revolution, they were taught, brought an end to freedom and ushered in tyranny. Cubans on the island, meanwhile, learned from state propaganda that the Yankees were the enemy and capitalism was savage. Anybody who left was called a "worm."

But Cubans and Cuban-Americans find that when they meet, they have much more in common than expected. They share the same hand gestures, slang and even taste in music. They love baseball with a passion. "Everybody says their grandmother's flan is the best and nobody knows how to make a Cuban sandwich except the place that they know," said Dave Sandoval, a musician in Washington.

Even after years of propaganda, Cubans are fascinated with some of the most hyper-American aspects of U.S. culture. Paula Pineiro, a 14-year-old high school student and musician, is dying to see the skyscrapers of New York while classmate Otto Rivero wants to see Disneyland and Las Vegas, places he knows only from TV.

"We want to have new experiences," says the 14-year-old Rivero. "I love casinos. They say they are magnificent."

Yusset Perez, 30, arrived in Miami 10 months ago to join his wife and found work at a college as an administrative assistant and computer lab manager. But now he's thinking about opening a business back home.

"I always wanted to maintain ties, not turn my back from Cuba entirely," Perez said in Hialeah, the heavily Cuban Miami neighborhood where he passed out flyers for the college in front of a discount store specializing in clothing and housewares destined to be sent back to the island.

Nearly everyone in Cuba seems to have some familial connection to the United States, though people from the two countries can have cartoonish views of each other.

Many Cubans are envious of the lifestyle and wealth of their relatives in the U.S., but can also consider them materialistic and arrogant. Many feel Americans don't respect their accomplishments, such as in schools and medical care.

Beatriz Garcia, a 25-year-old who teaches Spanish to foreign students, said that while she hopes to see Cuba have greater access to affordable consumer goods, she bristled at the notion the U.S. is better. "Over there, they may have a better economy," she said, "but here we have good education and health."

Cuban-Americans, on the other hand, sometimes see islanders as poor and unsophisticated, out of step with the modern world.

"It definitely feels like a frozen 1950s version of everything my grandparents told me it looked like," said Garcia, the writer.

Miami architect Jovan Rodriguez said he's noticed improvements in Cuba, such as when he visited in February and found that a relative's home was for sale – something only made possible by recent property reforms. It's still not legal for foreign nonresidents to buy real estate, but he's hopeful that may become possible.

"This completely changed my whole outlook toward the future as far as my relationship with Cuba," Rodriguez said. "I really made a profound connection with the people. I really hope to be able to go back soon, and I hope relations between our two nations make it easier for that to happen."

At the University of Havana, several students said they are aware of problems in their country but are optimistic about the future.

Sitting on the same steps where Fidel Castro addressed jubilant crowds after rolling into Havana in January 1959, Ernesto Gutierrez Leyva, 20, said he would like to see Cuba move toward greater political tolerance, perhaps even a multiparty system, an idea that is still officially considered anathema. The country "is broken, but you have to fix it from here," he said.

And on the Malecon, Martinez noted there are advantages to staying in Cuba, such as a free university education.

"I want to go to see it," she said of the United States, "but live in Cuba."

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America, so people don't have to worry so much" about food-related illnesses, said Gillian Conrad, spokeswoman for the county health department.

And there is a lot residents can learn from restaurants about safe food practices for their own kitchens, she said.

Hard to stomach

There is more than a little indigestion at stake when it comes to fighting food-borne illness. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in six Americans, or about 48 million people, are hit by food-borne illnesses every year. Of those, 128,000 are hospitalized and 3,000 die.

In Southwest Michigan in 2013, there were 509 reported cases of food-borne illnesses, according to the Berrien County Health Department.

The United States spent $1 billion on food safety in 2013, according to the annual CDC FoodNet Surveillance study, and there were $16 billion in medical costs related to the illnesses.

Most cases go unreported. According to the CDC, for every identified case of salmonella poisoning, the most common type of food-related illness, 29 go undiagnosed.

According to the CDC's food safety progress report for 2013, cases of E.coli, salmonella and listeria remained unchanged from the previous year.

Cases of campylobacter, associated with eating raw or undercooked poultry, jumped 13 percent in 2013. And illnesses from vibrio, caused by eating raw or undercooked seafood, especially oysters, went up 75 percent. The CDC estimates that for every case of vibrio infection, 142 cases go undiagnosed.

Children are most vulnerable to food-borne illness, along with the elderly, pregnant woman and those with lowered immune systems.

Parents should make sure that children don't have contact with raw meat. And adults should wash their hands thoroughly after food preparation and before preparing or serving kids formula, juice and other foods, the CDC recommends.

Coming clean

Much of this sickness can be prevented by something as simple as proper hand washing in commercial establishments and the home kitchen, Clement said.

She still takes her flashlight along when she conducts a restaurant inspection, looking for evidence of rodent or insect infestation, as well as general cleanliness.

But she is also mindful that proper food handling, preparation and storage are just as important.

Scott Huberty, director of food and beverage service at Plank's restaurant at The Inn at Harbor Shores, has noticed the change in emphasis during his career.

"The biggest change has been how thorough the health department has become," he said during a recent walk-through. "And that's great. Accountability is a good thing."

The effect of doing simple things can be enormous, he said.

During her inspection, Clement points out that the Plank's kitchen has five hand-washing stations for employees.

Keeping hands clean is extremely important, particularly when handling different kinds of food such as meat and vegetables, Clement said. Washing cutting boards and utensils that have been in contact with meat or other foods that could carry bacteria before chopping vegetables is also a good habit to get into.

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Deb Clement, with the Berrien County Health Department, demonstrates how she inspects a restaurant during a visit to Plank's Tavern at the Inn at Harbor Shores earlier this month. While sanitarians still check for cleanliness, much of the focus has changed toward proper food handling and storage. Clement said residents can use a lot of the techniques employed in restaurants in their own kitchens to avoid food-borne illnesses, which hit 48 million Americans every year.

Soup is cooled with ice water at Plank's Tavern at the Inn at Harbor Shores earlier this month. Keeping hot foods hot and cold food cold is important in avoiding bacteria and food-borne illnesses, as well as quickly cooling before storage.

Meats and vegetables should not be kept in the same compartments in the refrigerator, to avoid cross-contamination.

Avoiding the bacterial "danger zone" when cooking is another must.

Hot foods must be kept hot, at 135 degrees or above, and cold foods must be kept cold, at 41 degrees or below.

Foods must be moved quickly through the "danger zone" between 135 and 41 degrees Fahrenheit, in which bacteria can grow.

That requires two-stage cooling, taking the food from 135 to 70 in the first two hours, and 70 to 41 in the next four hours.

Huberty recommends putting soups and other hot foods in smaller, shallower containers before refrigerating.

His kitchen staff use sinks filled with ice water to quickly cool their dishes.

Taking stock

Plank's is particular about its food even before it comes through the door, said Tim Hendren, the restaurant's executive chef.

The kitchen uses vendors with good reputations to buy its meat, fish and produce. Three staff members check everything as it's delivered to make sure its up to the proper standards.

Among the biggest changes Hendren has seen in food safety is the marking and tracking of produce. Today everything comes labeled, so that the buyer can find out where it was grown, processed and packed, right down to the person who handled it, he said. That allows a restaurant to quickly locate the source of bacteria if a food-borne illness occurs.

Plank's keeps a close eye on the food stored in its coolers, using clear plastic containers marked with the date the food was prepped. Stock is rotated regularly so the older items get used first.

Dating containers is another simple practice people could use in their own kitchens, Hendren said.

Plank's does a good job of keeping track of its own operations, such as checking the temperatures of its coolers inside and out, Clement said.

It's no accident that Planks' kitchen is kept shipshape. Huberty, who came with Hendren from a major resort in Colorado to work at the new restaurant and hotel in Benton Harbor, is a trainer in the national ServSafe food safety program and administers exams.

While the local health department is on the front lines of food safety, there are several other layers of scrutiny taking place.

Most major chains have their own quality control people who supplement what the local health inspectors do, Clement said.

Michigan law requires that managers have a food safety certification, and staff must be trained in the correct practices.

It's important for managers to be thoroughly versed in all health regulations, Clement said. "We're only here twice a year (for restaurants). The manager is here every day."

And which kitchens are more sanitary, at home or in restaurants?

"How many people clean their own kitchens top to bottom every day?" the health department's Gillian Conrad asked.

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Common food illnesses

The most common food-borne illnesses, and how to avoid them, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

■ Salmonella – Salmonella are usually transmitted to humans by eating foods contaminated with animal feces. Contaminated foods often include beef, poultry, milk or eggs, but any food, including vegetables, may become contaminated. Thorough cooking kills salmonella, and raw vegetables and fruits should be washed.

■ E.coli – E.coli bacteria live in the intestines of people and animals, and can be found on a variety of foods. To reduce the risk of infection, cook meats thoroughly, including ground beef to at least up to 160 degrees. Avoid unpasteurized dairy products and juices.

■ Campylobacter – Most cases are associated with eating raw or undercooked poultry meat or from cross-contamination of other foods. Make sure that the meat is cooked throughout (no longer pink) and any juices run clear. All poultry should be cooked to reach a minimum internal temperature of 165 degrees.

■ Listeria – To avoid infection, rinse raw produce, such as fruits and vegetables, thoroughly under running tap water before eating, cutting, or cooking. Separate uncooked meats and poultry from vegetables, cooked foods, and ready-to-eat foods.

■ Vibrio – Infection is usually from consumption of raw or undercooked seafood, especially oysters. When in a restaurant, order oysters thoroughly cooked. When purchased for home, the shells should be closed. Boil live oysters for 3-5 minutes, or steam them for 4-9 minutes.

SONY

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North Korea's leader.

"This is uncharted territory," said Chris Finan, a former White House cybersecurity adviser. "The things we do in response to this event will indelibly serve to influence future nation state behavior."

North Korea has denied hacking the studio, and on Saturday proposed a joint investigation with the U.S., warning of "serious" consequences if Washington said no. The White House sidestepped the idea, said it was confident that North Korea was responsible and urged North Korean government officials to "admit their culpability and compensate Sony for the damages this attack caused."

At the same time, the U.S. was reaching out to China, North Korea's key ally, to ask for its cooperation as the U.S. weighs its response, said a senior Obama administration official, who wasn't authorized to comment by name and requested anonymity. Although China holds considerable leverage over the North and its technological infrastructure, involving Beijing could pose complications because Obama has pointedly accused China of engaging in its own acts of cybertheft.

Friday's announcement was a critical moment in an investigation that united the government and cybersecurity professionals who conducted painstaking technical analysis.

The breach was discovered days before Thanksgiving when Sony employees logged onto their computers to find a screen message saying they had been hacked by a group calling itself Guardians of Peace. Experts scoured months of system logs, determining through spikes in network traffic and other anomalies that the attackers had conducted surveillance on the network since spring.

The first goal was to determine the extent of the damage to the network, so crippled that investigators or any other visitors needed handwritten credentials to gain entry.

As they examined the malware, they detected that it was similar to DarkSeoul, used in attacks on South Korea banking and media institutions and connected to North Koreans.

Investigators determined the Internet protocol addresses used, and found that one in Bolivia was the same as one in the DarkSeoul hack. They also found time zone and language settings in Korean, and that the malware itself had source code believed to be held by North Korea.

The FBI statement said clues included similarities to other tools developed by North Korea in specific lines of computer code, encryption algorithms and data deletion methods. More significantly, the FBI discovered that computer Internet addresses known to be operated by North Korea were communicating directly with other computers used to deploy and control the hacking tools and collect the stolen Sony files.

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TRUCE

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in many other places on the front line. But it was a momentary peace in a war that would last for nearly four more years.

The Birdcage

Near one of the spots where British and German soldiers fraternized for the unexpected truce, a dark, dirt track veers off the road and meanders into the gloom of the woods.

There, a cleared space has the graves of British soldiers who died on Dec. 19, 1914, in a battle as gruesome as it was insignificant, their dreams of a peaceful Christmas ignored and buried in the cold mud.

It was a time when swift military movement from Germany across France to the Belgian coast was grinding to a stalemate, leaving hundreds of thousands of casualties behind. For both sides – Germany versus an alliance led by France and Britain – this buried any hope that the war would be over by Christmas.

The result was a form of warfare across trenches where human life was expendable.

"There are a number of local attacks which never make it into the history books, but which all cause a great loss among the troops," said Piet Chielens, curator at the In Flanders' Fields Museum in Ypres, Belgium.

The Dec. 19, 1914 "Birdcage" attack occurred on a bulge of the German line about the size of a football (soccer) field. Allied soldiers also had been thinking about Christmas, but for 80 of them it turned into disaster in an area where a warren of barbed wire had given the German defenders a huge advantage.

Chielens said that during those early days of the war both sides dug into the Flemish soil, with commanders "attacking without deep thought, without deep concern about the fate of their men." The infamous "Birdcage" was one of those battles that made them realize that strategy wouldn't work.

With offensive artillery nearly non-existent and sometimes so wayward that it also was a threat to its own troops, soldiers were thrown into action where one machine gun could mow down a whole row of approaching men.

Some of the bodies found after the attack were so mangled they could no longer be told apart, and today the headstones of several casualties stand shoulder to shoulder to mark that horror.

"We no shoot"

Little wonder so many soldiers were pining for a glimmer of hope on Christmas Eve.

Frank and Maurice Wray of the London Rifle Brigade settled in to keep watch when they suddenly heard a German band in the trenches play songs "common to both nations," they later wrote in an article. "Quite understandably a wave of nostalgia passed over us."

At dawn, a German called out, "We good. We no shoot," and the Wrays noted: "And so was born an unofficial armistice." Men walked out, extremely apprehensive at first, many fearing some deadly trick. Then human warmth cracked the freezing cold.

Imperial War Museum / AP

World War I German and British soldiers stand together on the battlefield near Ploegsteert, Belgium, during December 1914. Soldiers who had been killing each other by the tens of thousands for months climbed out of their soggy trenches to seek a shred of humanity amid the horrors of World War I.

Chielens said that similar scenes occurred at about 30 scattered points across many miles (kilometers) of Belgium. Others happened across the Western Front, which ran from the North Sea to the Swiss border.

Apart from talk in a shared language or merely with hands and kindred eyes, the men exchanged gifts, using everything from bully beef and barrels of beer to small mementos. Some played football.

German soldier Werner Keil scribbled his name on a piece of paper and gave a uniform button to 19-year-old British Cpl. Eric Rowden of the Queen's Westminster Rifles on Christmas Day 1914. "We laughed and joked together, having forgotten war altogether," Rowden wrote.

War, though, was never far away, including memories of the Birdcage still lingered and the burials of dead soldiers. It was hardly as if gunfire stopped all over to make room for warm embraces.

On the Belgian stretch around Ploegsteert alone, "we still have over 250 people dying on Christmas Day itself. There was enough fighting going on," Chielens said.

Despite the uplifting moment, commanders away from the trenches abhorred the softening of posture and fighting spirit. Cpt. Robert Hamilton of Britain's 1st battalion Royal Warwickshire noted: "I am told the general and staff are furious – but powerless to stop it."

25th December 1917

All that would change soon enough, and the 1914 truce would not be repeated.

Once British Gen. Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien had heard of it on Dec. 27, 1914, he wrote in a confidential memorandum that "this is only illustrative of the apathetic state we are gradually sinking into." He threatened disciplinary action to avoid a repeat.

"It was certainly remembered by the army commands because around Christmas in 1915, 1916, 1917, they see to it that there is no such thing as a truce possible because then the shelling will be deliberate and very intensive."

One thing did continue – the relentless killing.

Next to a monument in Ploegsteert to mark football playing at Christmas is the Prowse Point Military cemetery. Amid the 225 dead, three headstones from the 27th Battalion Australian infantry stand out.

Date of death? "25th December 1917."

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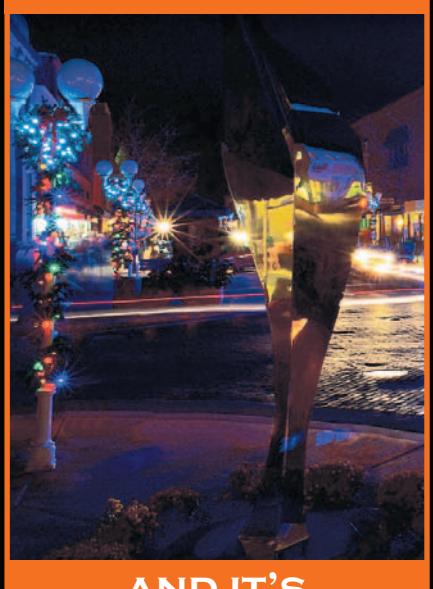

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Do you remember?

25 years ago – 1989

Mary Lou Santiago's flight home to her parents, Harry and Beverly Funk of Coloma, was delayed yesterday, but the snowy weather or overbooking of the flight wasn't at fault. Her flight was canceled in effect, by President George H.W. Bush. A few hours before Santiago's plane was to leave Panama City, Panama, the United States began its military operation to oust Gen. Manuel Noriega. Santiago, whose husband serves in the Air Force in Panama, was grounded.

35 years ago – 1979

Melvin Andrus, 65, of Bridgman, has announced his retirement from a 39-year career in agriculture, including 22 years as a large fruit grower and 17 as a nursery inspector for the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Andrus was honored by friends and colleagues from around the state Thursday night at a dinner in Kalamazoo.

Richard Spletzer has been promoted to the management position of night foreman for the mold division at Weldun International in Bridgman, according to a spokesman for the firm.

50 years ago – 1964

Approval of preliminary drawings of floor plans for a six-classroom addition to Fennville Elementary School has been voted by the Fennville board of education.

Today in history

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Sunday, Dec. 21, the 355th day of 2014. There are 10 days left in the year. Winter arrives at 6:03 p.m. Eastern time.

Highlight in History:

On Dec. 21, 1864, during the Civil War, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman concluded their "March to the Sea," which had begun in Atlanta on Nov. 15 and ended with the capture of Savannah, Georgia.

On this date:

In 1620, Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Massachusetts.

In 1913, the first newspaper crossword puzzle, billed as a "Word-Cross Puzzle," was published in the New York World.

In 1937, Walt Disney's first animated feature, "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," had its world premiere in Los Angeles.

In 1945, Gen. George S. Patton died in Heidelberg, Germany, of injuries from a car accident.

In 1968, Apollo 8 was launched on a mission to orbit the moon.

In 1976, the Liberian-registered tanker Argo Merchant broke apart near Nantucket Island, off Massachusetts, almost a week after running aground, spilling 7.5 million gallons of oil into the North Atlantic.

In 1988, 270 people were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a Pam Am Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Cloudy	Cloudy	Scat'd Rain	Rain Likely	Snow Likely	Snow Possible
38º	32º	41º / 41º	45º / 37º	38º / 31º	34º / 28º

Local Outlook

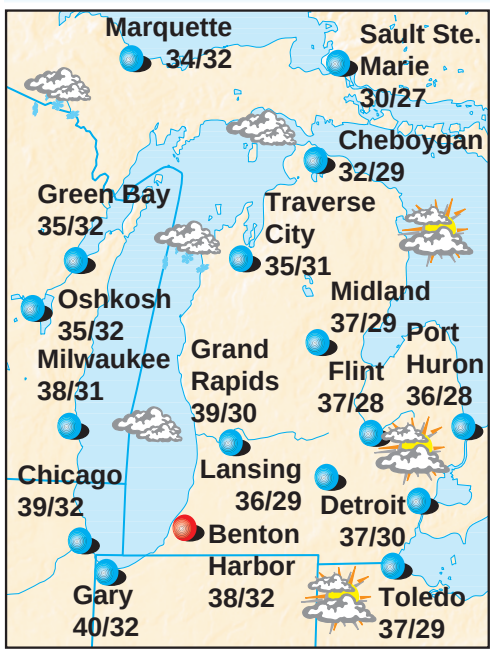
Today we will see cloudy skies with a high temperature of 38º, humidity of 65%. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 32º. Southeast wind 10 mph. Monday, skies will be cloudy with a 40% chance of rain.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	8:11 a.m.
Sunset	5:17 p.m.
Moonrise	7:25 a.m.
Moonset	5:25 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
12/21	12/28	1/4	1/13

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor yesterday

Temperature

High	33º
Low	30º
Normal High	33º
Normal Low	21º
Record High	58º in 1949
Record Low	-5º in 1983

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.54"
Normal month to date	1.83"
Year to date	25.65"
Normal year to date	36.16"

Air Quality

Yesterday..... 44

Main Offender.....Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50.....Good
51-100.....Moderate
101-150....Sensitive
151-200..Unhealthy

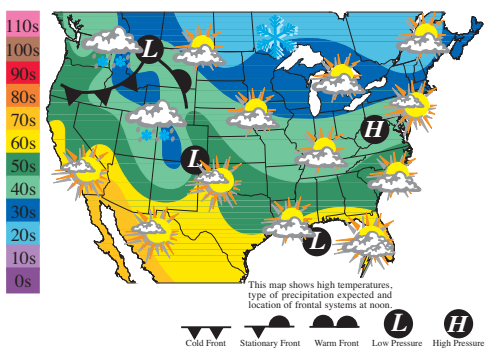
Weather Trivia

What type of lightning occurs most frequently?

Answer: Cloud to cloud lightning.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Dec. 21, 2014



Lake Michigan

Today, south winds 15 to 25 kt. Slight chance of light freezing drizzle in the morning. Waves 2 to 4 ft building to 4 to 6 ft occasionally to 8 ft in the afternoon. Water temperature 36 degrees.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Skies will be cloudy today with scattered snow, highs in the mid-30s. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Monday, skies will remain cloudy with scattered rain and snow, highs in the mid-30s.

Lower Peninsula

Expect partly cloudy to cloudy skies today with highs in the mid-30s. Light winds. Monday, skies will remain partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rain. South southeast wind 8 to 10 mph.

ROADS

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pothole-ridden streets given the timing of the spring election.

Veteran Lansing public relations guru Kelly Rossman-McKinney said the pro side will face many challenges in a tight span of just four or five months – fundraising, settling on a message to voters and figuring out how and where to deliver it.

"This is tough. You're asking for a 'yes' vote on a tax policy. It's a big deal and I'm not sure that Michigan voters are going to be happy with the Legislature not taking on this issue themselves," she said.

But Snyder, who'd wanted the Republican-led Legislature to raise taxes on its own or at least pass a tax hike that would have gone into effect if voters rejected an alternative plan, said "compromise is not a dirty word."

He's expecting to spend "a lot of effort" talking to citizens and interest groups, like he did in favor of the business machinery tax changes approved last summer and against six constitutional amendments that voters defeated in 2012.

Term-limited House Speaker Jase Bolger, a Marshall Republican, said the plan is a fair way to improve the condition of rotten roads while not clashing with principles brought to the table by all sides.

"You could not check those boxes without going to a 7 percent sales tax. You cannot go to a 7 percent sales tax without a vote of the people," he said.

Opponents are likely to focus in part on how the plan would also boost school and municipal funding – a sweetener for voters but a possible pitfall, too.

"Back-room deals to score support for this proposal have resulted in an even higher price tag for taxpayers," said Scott Hagerstrom, director of Americans for Prosperity-Michigan.

hp LOCAL & STATE

Don Campbell / HP staff

Jamere Matlock, 10, has been a regular at the Boys & Girls Club of Benton Harbor since he was 6. He takes part in a reading improvement program funded, in part, by the United Way of Southwest Michigan.

The world in words

United Way helps fund youth reading program

Note: This is the last of a six-part series of United Way success stories to coincide with the United Way of Southwest Michigan's annual campaign.

By RALPH HEIBUTZKI
H-P Correspondent

BENTON HARBOR — When Jamere Matlock struggled with reading, picking up a book wasn't something that he particularly enjoyed doing.

"The hardest part was getting to try to know a book, to actually know what the book was about," Jamere recalled of his difficulties. "It was hard for me to understand what I'm reading."

All that changed last June when Jamere, 10, took part in Project Learn, a 10-year literacy program at the Boys & Girls Club of Benton Harbor.

He's a fifth grader at Countryside Academy, and the son of Mildred Vinson.

"In a way, I started reading the books that I was interested in – back (when he struggled), I just read a book because I wanted to get out of there quick," Jamere recalled.

Boys & Girls Club CEO Brian Saxton said the program has existed for 12 years.

"In the past, there was lots of government money around to pay for that – and now there isn't," Saxton said. "Between the United Way (of Southwest Michigan), the Upton Foundation, and the club, we've come up with enough money to run the program."

He said it costs about $45,000 to run the program, which served 375 children last year – of whom 230 completed it when sessions wrapped up in mid-August.

The club contracts with Winning Ink, an organization that supplies the literacy teachers.

"To get a 10- or 12-year-old boy to sit down in July and read a book is a little tough," Saxton said. "The staff knows how to do the 'carrot and stick' approach to make that happen."

Jamere attended sessions for two days a week.

"I wanted to go in there every day, but they wouldn't allow me," Jamere responded, smiling.

"We had to give other kids a chance," Saxton responded, with a smile of his own.

However, while Jamere now reads at a seventh-grade level, he didn't get there easily.

"When I went in, I wasn't feeling good. I was just looking to see what it was about," Jamere said. "I wasn't totally into it. Then, as I kept coming, I saw the vision that I'd end up reading something. That inspired me to maybe write my own book."

He credits the help of instructor and Winning Ink director Phil Brooks for devising specific strategies to boost his comprehension – such as retelling a story in a sentence, and learning how to get the meaning from the context of a passage.

"If I wasn't getting it, he would show me how I wasn't getting it – and when I got it, he always congratulated me," Jamere said.

In addition, seeing others benefit from their efforts inspired Jamere to work a little harder.

"As I've seen my buddies come in, they were into it, and I thought, 'Why not give it a try?'" he said.

Jamere started coming to the club about four years ago, at the old Highland Avenue location.

"I had nothing to do after school. My friends were older, and so, they got to do things. One of them decided that I should come here to play with them, and that's how it all began," he said.

Jamere is now involved in many club activities, including choir, drama, and drumline.

He also likes writing about sports, which reflects his love of baseball, basketball and tennis.

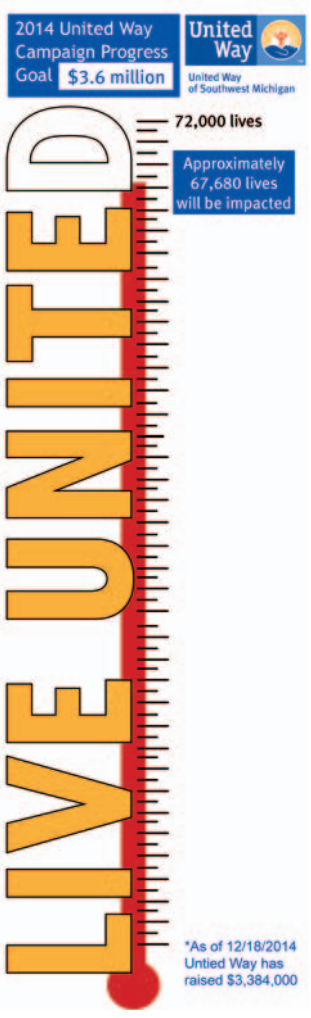
His favorite baseball positions are shortstop and second base, "because most of my favorite players played that position," he said.

Not surprisingly, Jamere credits the club's influence with improving his development.

"They've given me a place to come, a place to be me, and a place to have fun," he said.

One challenge to address in future programs is the difference in reading improvement that's been observed between older and younger participants, Saxton said.

To see how far students have performed in the program, the club gives them a pre- and post-reading test.



Those assessments showed that just under 60 percent of fifth graders – like Jamere – reading at grade level. The figure rose to 70 percent when students finished the program.

By contrast, 15 percent of last summer's second graders were reading at grade level, which increased to 40 percent when the program ended.

"That's the other thing we need to address," Saxton said. "They come in pretty good, but they get even better after 10 weeks."

Bangor Twp.

Man jailed after boat-trailer stolen

BANGOR — A Bangor man has been jailed after crashing his pickup truck, which was towing an allegedly stolen boat and trailer, with the rightful owner in pursuit, the Van Buren County Sheriff's Department reported.

Deputies said they responded to an 11:37 a.m. Saturday dispatch. The caller said he arrived at his house on the 36000 block of County Road 687 to see a white pickup truck towing away his 16-foot duck boat.

The owner gave chase in his car.

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Contributed photo

A crash Saturday damaged this 16-foot boat and its trailer, reported stolen moments before in Bangor Township. Police said a Bangor man towed the unit away as the owner arrived home.

Benton Harbor

Helping Hands Boutique provides clothing for poor

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — People in Benton Harbor who lose everything in a fire or who just need some new clothes have another option – Lighthouse Ministries Helping Hands Boutique in Benton Harbor.

Benton Harbor native JoAnn Stewart said she set up her boutique in the ministries at 275 Pipestone St. earlier this month because it is in the middle of a neighborhood with a lot of people in need.

"There's a lot of people who don't own cars here," she said. "There's people in this neighborhood who walk everywhere."

She said her boutique offers new and gently used clothing, along with smaller furniture and some kitchen appliances.

"Our goal is to give and to help families that are displaced for any reason," she said.

Stewart said people who lose everything in a fire or natural disaster receive the clothing for free. She said others can buy the clothing at very low prices.

She said any money raised goes to help pay for Lighthouse Ministries programs.

She said the boutique also donates clothing to the local women's shelter.

"We even have small toys that we give to the children," she said.

Stewart said donations are accepted from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Or, people can make an appointment by calling her at 277-7109 or at 605-3501.

For information on the boutique or any of the Lighthouse Ministries programs, call 861-8749.

Besides the boutique, Lighthouse Ministries has after school tutoring programs, a summer feeding program, Girls Scouts of America, cooking classes for single parents with children, River of Life Christian Academy and Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of America.

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Louise Wrege / HP staff

Benton Harbor native JoAnn Stewart shows a dress available at Lighthouse Ministries Helping Hands Boutique, a shop she helped set up this month at the ministries at 275 Pipestone St., Benton Harbor.

Berrien County

Longtime RESA leader receives state award

By RALPH HEIBUTZKI
H-P Correspondent

BERRIEN SPRINGS — There's nothing like the peer recognition to validate the work you do behind the scenes – especially in special education.

HOPPSTOCK

That's how the Berrien Regional Education Service Agency feels about administrator Eric Hoppstock getting the state Murray O. Batten Humanitarian Award. It is given out annually to an outstanding special education administrator.

Hoppstock, a Niles resident, is Berrien RESA's assistant superintendent and chief academic officer

"We are so proud of Eric's accomplishment," Berrien RESA Superintendent Kevin Ivers said. "Eric has taken special education practices to a new level. His leadership and vision have influenced hundreds of special education teachers during his tenure, not to mention the thousands of children's lives that he has touched by encouraging student success at every level."

The Michigan Association of Administrators of Special Education gave Hoppstock the award during its annual winter conference.

According to the district's news release, the award recognizes a special education administrator who's established compassion, honesty, integrity and trust during his career.

"It's one of the highest honors that that organization gives to special education administrators. He (Hoppstock) was extremely surprised and honored (at receiving the award)," Ivers said.

Hoppstock becomes only the third person in the district's 51-year history to earn the award, which former superintendents Jerry Reimann and Jeff Siegel receive in 1989 and 1999, respectively.

"All three were school psychologists, which is a common thread, and obviously, there's a good work ethic in all three of those people," Ivers said. "They're very dedicated in their field."

Reimann's tenure, for example, coincided with major changes in state law that required local districts to offer special education services – instead of keeping students with disabilities apart from their peers, Ivers said.

"He (Reimann) was really at the ground level of special ed laws as they were being formed," Ivers said.

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JAILED

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Deputies were still on the way when the suspect crashed the pickup truck, causing the boat and trailer to overturn, at the intersection of County Road 376 and 66th Street, deputies reported.

The suspect tried to run away but was stopped by the victim. Deputies arrived to take the suspect into custody.

The boat and trailer received extensive damage. The suspect was driving at high speed when the crash occurred.

The suspect was placed in the Van Buren County jail for possible charges of larceny and driving while license suspended.

No names were released.

AWARD

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Hoppstock has made similar contributions on the organizational side – such as helping to start the Great Start Readiness program, Ivers said.

"It's a consortium of preschools. Now, as a county, we're working together. We coordinate all professional development, and have a common curriculum for those teachers. That's been a huge undertaking," he said.

Today, 3,100 students ages 0-26 receive special education services in Berrien County.

Serving those students requires keeping tabs of the changes that affect them, which is another area where Hoppstock has distinguished himself, Ivers said.

"He's kept us abreast on special education laws, rules and regulations. It doesn't stay the same from year to year," Ivers said.

Hoppstock joined the district in 1987. He's a graduate of Grace College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in behavioral science. He holds master's and education specialist degrees from Ball State University.

Hoppstock's work ethic and long-term thinking were just two qualities cited as reasons to nominate him for the award, according to the Berrien County Special Education Directors and Coordinators (SEDAC) group.

"Eric's vision, drive and ability to motivate others creates an atmosphere of positive change," SEDAC said in a its own statement. "He is what one might refer to as a calculated risk taker. Whenever decisions had to be made, he would do so with thoughtful deliberation; always keeping in mind what would be best for students, their families and the community."

Hoppstock has definitely proven himself to be an exceptional leader, said Shari Lidgard-Pullins, Berrien RESA's supervisor of special education auxiliary services and compliance.

"While ensuring administrators have the knowledge needed to perform their responsibilities, he also encourages discussion about those things typically not taught such as how to handle the pressures we face or how to ensure balance in our lives," Lidgard-Pullins said. "His interest in the whole individual is what has earned him the reputation of being a caring and insightful leader."

IN BRIEF

Court peels some immunity in cases against public agencies

DETROIT (AP) — The Michigan Supreme Court has struck down an award of $767,000 for a Lansing-area woman who aspired to be a dental hygienist before her car was hit by a state salt truck.

In a 7-0 decision, the court says compensation from public agencies for the loss of work as well as pain and suffering is allowed under Michigan law. But in the case of Heather Hannay, the court says a judge was too generous because it's unclear whether she would have been accepted into a dental hygienist program and entered the profession.

Writing for the court, Justice Brian Zahra says there are too many uncertainties.

The Supreme Court on Friday sent Hannay's case back to the lower court for another calculation. The court didn't upset Hannay's $475,000 award for pain and suffering related to her injuries.

In 2007, Hannay was 22 when her Oldsmobile was struck by a Michigan Transportation Department salt truck after the driver went past a stop sign. Hannay, now 30, says she's had five shoulder surgeries and probably will need another.

She works at a small gift store but a career as a dental hygienist is unlikely because of the strain on her shoulders and neck.

"It's been almost eight years and every day I'm in pain," Hannay said Saturday. "When it's cold, my shoulder is just horrible. I'm still a mess from it."

1,500 free bikes in Grand Rapids

GRAND RAPIDS (AP) — Some people thought the sirens signaled a fire in a Grand Rapids neighborhood. Instead, it was a sign that 1,500 free bikes had arrived for children.

More than 300 volunteers turned out Saturday to match kids with new wheels and a helmet. It was the 10th annual delivery, but the location always is a secret until the day of delivery.

Tangee Pringle tells The Grand Rapids Press that she was pleased that her two daughters got bikes – even if it forced her to get out of bed early. Breeaunna Harbison, who brought her daughter, says a free bike always is better than going to a store and "spending money you don't have."

Liz Bracken, an organizer of the event, says the bikes will encourage kids to get exercise and remind them that other people care.

Paramedic jailed for stealing from dead man

MUSKEGON (AP) — A paramedic has been sentenced to 15 days in jail for stealing money from a dead man in western Michigan.

The Muskegon Chronicle says Jack Price was accused of stealing $80 last year while on an ambulance run to the home of a 55-year-old man.

Price, a 28-year-old from Ravenna, was sentenced last Monday after pleading guilty to larceny, a misdemeanor, in a plea deal.

Carbon monoxide death leads to 500 free detectors

FLINT (AP) — The family of a man who died of carbon monoxide poisoning after a storm cut power to his home is giving away 500 detectors so the tragedy won't be repeated.

Richard Battle of Mount Morris Township died a year ago from exposure to carbon monoxide from the gas-powered generator.

"You can't feel it, you can't see it, you can't smell it. They call it the silent killer," Battle's wife, Tonya Jackson-Battle, told The Flint Journal.

Jackson-Battle and her husband's son, Johnnie Person, started a foundation to make people aware of the dangers of carbon monoxide. Anyone who owns a home in Flint can go to the fire department and pick up one of the 500 free detectors, which can cost $15 or more at a store.

Lakeshore Public Schools

Schools of Choice Announcement - Second Semester 2014-2015

Lakeshore Public Schools announces that the application period for non-resident enrollment as a ***Schools of Choice*** student is now open for the 2014-2015 second semester.

Grade Level Openings (minimum):
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Applications for second semester must be received by January 12, 2015, and are available at the Superintendent's Office or online at: http://www.lakeshoreschools.k12.mi.us

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OBITUARIES

Robert Orth

Robert Orth, 92, went to be with his Lord on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014. He was born in Milwaukee on April 17, 1922, the son of the late Henry and Adella (Baumann) Orth. Bob was a true gentleman who believed in faith, honesty and service to others. He had a great smile and cheerful disposition that made him a joy to be around. He had a strong faith in the Lord, which began the moment he was born. He attended a Lutheran school system, where he got involved in the choir. He developed a great voice, and was always a valued "Bass" of the choir at whatever church he was a member. He was also a member of the Barbershop Chorus in St. Joseph and the Portage Senior Choir.

ORTH

Bob was inducted into the United States Army Oct. 23, 1942. He served as a technical sergeant in the Armored Division under Gen. Patton and earned a Bronze Star. He was honorably discharged Dec. 11, 1945. Bob remained proud of his service and his country and will be laid to rest with his wife at Ft. Custer National Cemetery.

Bob was an active man who loved to get involved. He and Kathryn also enjoyed traveling and visited many areas in the South. Bob was also very handy and loved to tinker and fix things.

He leaves behind a great legacy and many wonderful memories. On Sept. 22, 1942, he was united in marriage to Kathryn (Heyn) Orth, who preceded him in passing on Jan. 27, 2010. He was also preceded in passing by his only sister, Marion Wollermann.

Bob leaves to cherish his memory his only daughter, Bette (Claude) Martin-Lawrence; three grandchildren: Jeffery Martin, William (Carol) Martin, and Jeffery Lawrence; a great-grandson, Jonathan Martin; many nieces, nephews, and friends.

In accordance with his wishes cremation has taken place and a memorial celebration will be held on Monday, Dec. 29, 2014, at St. James Lutheran Church, 2381 Romence Road, Portage, MI 49024, beginning at 11 a.m., with Pastor Mark Gieschen officiating. Visitation will be held at the church one hour prior to the service from 10-11 a.m. Memorial donations may be made to St. James Lutheran Church or the Kalamazoo Humane Society, c/o the funeral home. Family and friends may share a condolence online at www.joldersma-klein.com.

Ned Whitmore

Ned Whitmore, 75, of Dowagiac died Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014, at his home in Dowagiac.

Ned was born to Hugh and Fanny (Velthouse) Whitmore on Dec. 25, 1938, in Dowagiac. He was their only child. He married Norma Grisson on Sept. 21, 1989, in St. Ignace.

WHITMORE

Ned is survived by his wife, Norma, of 25 years. Also surviving are three children; Sherice "Sherry" (Tony) Dias of Tennessee, Fanessa Whitmore of Tennessee and Shawn (Judy) Sirk of Dowagiac. He also leaves behind two step-children; Donna Messenger of Drummond Island and Darryl Reed of Decatur. He leaves behind 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Ned was employed by Clark Equipment Co. for 10 years and then worked for Contech in Dowagiac for 25 years. He also worked at Walmart for 10 years. He enjoyed the outdoors and loved hunting and fishing. He was a big football fan and also enjoyed the game of golf. He was a fan of racing, especially NASCAR and Sprint car dirt track racing. Ned was a very outspoken person and always spoke his mind. He had many friends and he loved his children, grand kids and his wife very much.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Clark Chapel and Cremations Services, 405 Center St., Dowagiac. Family and friends will gather for visitation from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Clark Chapel. Ned will be laid to rest at Riverside Cemetery in Dowagiac. Memorial Contributions can be made in his name to the Cass County Cancer Service or to the family.

Those wishing to leave a memory or condolence of Ned may do so at www.clarkch.com.

The Rev. Edgar Allen

The Rev. Edgar Allen of Kalamazoo, formerly of Benton Harbor, will have a visitation at Family Funeral Home Monday, Dec. 22, 2014, from 5-6:30 p.m. Persons desiring to attend the funeral should call Pilgrim Rest Church 925-4673.

Minnie A. Deja

Minnie A. Deja, 93, of Stevensville, passed away Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, at CrownPointe in Stevensville.

DEJA

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 22, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 220 Church St., St. Joseph, with Father Jim Morris officiating. Burial will be held following the service at Spring Run Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family Sunday, Dec. 21 from 3-5 p.m. at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Memorials may be made to Great Lakes Caring. Those who would like to share a memory of Minnie may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Minnie was born Oct. 1, 1921, in St. Joseph, to Clarence and Isabelle (Einbecker) Scott. She married the love of her life, Frank J. Deja on Nov. 11, 1939. For many years the two of them lived and worked on their family farm. Minnie loved being a farm wife. She was a dedicated member to St. Joseph Catholic Church as well as a member of the Dashing Dozen Home Economics Club.

Minnie is survived by her children: Joan (Andrew) Noble of Denton, Texas, Connie (Dale) Kubicki of St. Joseph, Philip (Leslie) Deja of Mount Pleasant, Frank (Deborah) Deja of Stevensville, Scott (Bonnie) Deja of South Haven; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and many friends at CrownPointe.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Clarence and Isabelle; her husband, Frank; siblings: George Scott, Lois Mischke, and Althea Sanders.

Donald F. Briggs

Donald F. Briggs, 75, of Three Oaks, died Friday night, Dec. 19, 2014, at St. Anthony Hospital, Michigan City, Ind.

Don was born Jan. 29, 1939, in Davenport, Iowa, to Donald E. and Evelyn (Quinlan) Briggs. He learned to work hard and helped his family through tough times. Don graduated from Three Oaks High School in 1957 and served his country in the United States Army. Don married June Sandera on May 8, 1964, at St. Mary of the Lake Church in New Buffalo. He owned the Texaco Station in Three Oaks and then for 26 years he worked in the Automotive Department at Sears. Don enjoyed writing and kept journals of his life. He could often be found running in Three Oaks, or walking, often accompanied by his wife or granddaughter. He loved his family and getting together for pool parties.

Survivors include his children: Valerie (Dennis) Zabel of Three Oaks and Donnie Briggs (Katelyn Callahan) of Kalamazoo; granddaughter, Raquel Hellenga (Carolyn Binder) of Kalamazoo; sisters: Dorothy Clark of South Bend and Connie (Ron) Nemes of Elkhart, Ind.; brothers: David (Linda) Briggs of Denver, Rick (Paula) Briggs of Morgantown, W.V., and Tom (Erin) Briggs of Grand Rapids, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, June, on Oct. 7, 2009. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Janaan Barg, brother-in-law Bob Clark and nephew Carl Barg.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2014, at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Three Oaks, with the Rev. Father Brian Stanley as celebrant. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery where Military Honors will be presented by the Randall Couchman American Legion Post 204 and the United States Army Funeral Detail. Visitation will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Pobocik Funeral Home in Three Oaks with a celebration of Don's life at 7:45 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

To leave a tribute online, please visit www.pobocik.com.

The Rev. John Bettig

Rev. John Bettig, 84, went to meet his Lord, Jesus Christ, after a lengthy illness, on Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, in St. Joseph.

A viewing will be held at Starks & Menchinger Funeral Home (www.starks-menchinger.com) 5-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, followed by a Celebration of Life service at 10 a.m. Napier Parkview Baptist Church Tuesday, Dec. 23. Burial will follow at Riverview Cemetery, St. Joseph. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to one of the following ministries: CIS/Christian Involvement in Service, P.O. Box 768, St. Joseph, MI 49085-0768; TWR/Trans World Radio, P.O. Box 8700, Cary, N.C., 27512-8700; Napier Parkview Baptist Church, 245 W. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, MI, 49022.

BETTIG

John is survived by his wife, Alma (Wittmaier) Bettig; sons: Frank (Laura) Bettig, Rockford, Mich. and Harry (Eileen) Bettig, Amersfoort, the Netherlands, and Jeffery (Vicki) Bettig, Rockford; daughter, Gloria (Dave) Droge, Belgrade, Mont.; grandchildren: Sharon (Michael) Chappa, Rachael (Jason) Campfield, John T. Bettig, Michelle (Albert) Mayo, Timothy Droge, Tamara Droge, Alexi Bettig, Lynsey Bettig, and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by siblings: Paul (Shima) Bettig, Maria (Otto) Schultz, Valentin Bettig, Erich (Linda) Bettich, Henry (Connie) Bettich, and Peter (Carole) Bettig.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings: Helene (Anton) Kosachuk, Alexander (Sandra) Bettich and Nina (Robert) Burton.

John was born on April 7, 1930, in Solomka, Poland (Ukraine) to Robert and Matrona (Kriwtchuk) Bettig. After his family's escape to West Germany in 1946, John immigrated to the United States in 1952. He was then drafted and worked as an interpreter for United States Army Intelligence in Germany from 1953 to 1955. After marrying Alma on Nov. 26, 1955, he studied at Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music and Western Michigan University, while serving as pastor of Wayside Chapel in Plainwell. In 1970 he was ordained by the Evangelical Free Church of America. The Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music Alumni Associaton honored John as Alumnus of the Year in 1979. At the age of 28, he had begun serving on the deacon board at Napier Parkview Baptist Church, a role he fulfilled on and off for many years.

John and Alma joined Trans World Radio (TWR) in 1970, living in Monte Carlo while producing Russian programs. In 1975 they transferred to West Germany to establish the Russian Department with TWR's German Partner. He and Alma returned to the United States in 1988, continuing to serve with TWR until his retirement in 2003. He was granted an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Indianapolis Christian University in December 2000.

During "retirement," John ministered extensively in Russia and Ukraine, which led to founding Christian Involvement in Service (CIS), a nonprofit mission involved in various initiatives in these two countries. Due to declining health, he transferred the presidency of CIS to co-laborer James Agens in Sept. 2009.

John will be remembered not only for his love for his Savior, but also for his enjoyment of exercising, woodworking and sharing his life stories. He did everything as "unto the Lord," with a heart full of joy and expectation.

Maryetta 'Sue' M. Wilken

Maryetta "Sue" M. Wilken, 86, of St. Joseph passed away Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014, at Park Place Assisted Living in Kalamazoo.

WILKEN

A Celebration of Life service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29, at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church 404 E. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph, with Pastor Noah Headrick officiating. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens in Coloma. Friends may visit from 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association or St. Jude Children's Hospital. Those wishing to sign Sue's guest book may do so online at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Sue was born Nov. 15, 1928, in Miami, Fla., to Hubert and Beulah (Pierce) Hope. She wed Wilbur C. Wilken Sr. Sept. 8, 1950, in Mishawaka, Ind. She worked at Whirlpool Corp. in accounting for more than 30 years before retiring. Sue was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in St. Joseph. Sue was secretary and treasurer for the Ladies Guild at Grace Lutheran Church for many years. She loved crafting with her daughter-in-law, JoAnn, and her granddaughters: Jill, Julie and Ashley. She enjoyed fishing at Lake Ann with her family. Most of all Sue cherished the time she spent with her grandchildren attending their various activities and sporting events.

Sue is survived by her children: David (Jo Ann) Wilken of Wauwatosa, Wisc., and Dawn (Larry) Pallas of Portage, Mich.; grandchildren: Justin Pallas, Andrew Wilken, Mindy O'Brien, Jill Wilken, Julie Wilken and Ashley Wilken; great-granddaughter, Kayla Pallas and brother, Howard Hope of St. Joseph.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband, Wilbur on March 17, 2012; brother, Hurbert "Sonny" Hope, and granddaughter, Angel Pallas.

Death notices

Paul Arwine, 71, of Niles died Dec. 19 2014, at Lakeland Hospital in St. Joseph. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Niles, 683-1155.

Robert L. Berry, 80, of Watervliet died Dec. 19, 2014, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet.

Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Blanten Bolen, 71, of Niles died Dec. 19, 2014, at Riveridge Manor in Niles. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Niles, 683-1155.

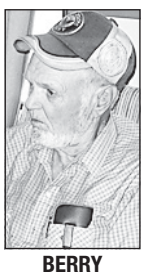
Donald F. Briggs, 75, of Three Oaks died Dec. 19, 2014, at St. Anthony Hospital, Michigan City, Ind. Pobocik Funeral Home Connelly-Noble Chapel, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

Donald P. LaVanway, Sr., 65, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 19, 2014, at his home. Davidson Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Coloma, 468-3181.

Cindy Norris, 52, of Galien died Dec. 20, 2014, at her home. Pobocik Funeral Home Connelly-Noble Chapel, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

Robert L. Berry Sr.

Robert's life began Dec. 21, 1933, in Benton Harbor. After graduating high school Robert proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Korean War. Robert drove a truck for a creamery, served as a police officer for Benton Harbor and Benton Township, he worked for Whirlpool Corp. for 15 years, and Robert was an engineer for Bryers Engineering Co. of Atlanta. Outside of work, Robert enjoyed fly fishing, hunting, telling stories, being an active member of the Sanctuary Church, listening to old country music, and was a member of AA for 42 years.


BERRY

Robert's greatest joy was spending time with his loving family, including his wife, Lois (Morton) Berry; son, Robert L. Berry Jr "JR" of Coloma; three daughters: Angela Sieleman of Missouri, Brenda Black of California, and Kandi Osment of Missouri; 12 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; sister, Starla (Larry) Montoya; brother, Nick Berry.

Robert died Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph. He is preceded in death by a son, Brian Berry; daughter, Rebecca Lynn Frizzell; his first wife, Mildred, and his parents, Benjamin and Iona (Bealman) Berry.

Funeral service will be celebrated Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet with visitation prior starting at noon. Burial will follow in North Shore Memory Gardens in Hagar Shores. Memorials may be made in Robert's memory to his family. You may leave a memory of Robert at hutchinsfuneral.com.

Cosby's silence may be his best defense at this point

By BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Bill Cosby has the right to remain silent – and that may be his best strategy.

With police urging any possible sex abuse victims to come forward, two lawsuits pending and more than 15 women making accusations stretching back years, Cosby has little to gain by speaking publicly, legal experts say.

While his reputation takes a hit, the comedian could potentially ride out the storm as lawyers knock down old claims in court. But if he says something disparaging about an accuser, as one woman has alleged, he could face a new wave of legal trouble.

"Staying mostly silent may be the best tactic for him given the dangers of saying something that might be libelous," said Eugene Volokh, a law professor at University of California, Los Angeles.

Cosby has been under siege amid allegations that he drugged women and sexually assaulted them, dating back to the 1970s. He has never been criminally charged in connection with the accusations, and his lawyer has denied many of them. Cosby settled a lawsuit in 2005 with a Pennsylvania woman who said he drugged and fondled her.

As the scandal smears the comic legend's onetime image as America's loveable TV dad, his mastery of the pregnant pause for laughs is now being played as a defense.

Cosby has had little to say publicly about the scandal, though he did address his silence last month before his stand-up concert tour began to crumble, with at least 10 shows in as many states canceled or indefinitely postponed.

"I know people are tired of me not saying anything, but a guy doesn't have to answer to innuendos," he told Florida Today newspaper.

Attorney Martin Singer has done most of the talking, dismissing allegations as "fantastical," "unsubstantiated" and "uncorroborated."

Singer has attacked the one lawsuit alleging sex abuse, saying the woman who claimed Cosby drugged and molested her at the Playboy mansion in 1974 when she was 15 had tried to extort $250,000 from the star.

Getting it straight

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hp BUSINESS

Easterling gets state credit union award

EASTERLING

ST. JOSEPH — Gary Easterling, president and CEO of United Federal Credit Union, has been named Credit Union Professional of the Year by the Michigan Credit Union League. In making the announcement, the league called Easterling a CEO who "lives and breathes the credit union philosophy."

The award recognizes an individual whose leadership and accomplishments have bettered his individual credit union and the credit union industry as a whole. Award criteria include financial strength and performance, new and improved services to members, new activities and programs, growth in membership, employee development, financial literacy efforts and community involvement.

"I thank the league for this recognition and thank my team for their engagement, my board for their support, and my members for their confidence in United Federal Credit Union," Easterling said after learning of the designation.

Easterling, who has more than 30 years of credit union experience, has served as president and CEO of UFCU since 2007.

When Easterling took over the reins of UFCU, a recent merger had increased membership to 79,075 members with an asset size of $749 million. Today, UFCU's membership exceeds 130,000, and it manages assets in excess of $1.83 billion.

Under Easterling's tenure, the UFCU team acquired Clearstar Financial Credit Union, based in Reno, Nev., in 2009, and Griffith Savings Bank in Griffith, Ind., in 2012. The purchase of the assets of Griffith Savings Bank marked the first time a federally chartered credit union purchased the assets of a state-chartered FDIC-insured mutual savings bank.

In May, UFCU broke ground on a 20,000-square-foot operations center in Niles, which marked the start of a multi-phase building project. A new flagship branch on property adjacent to corporate headquarters in St. Joseph is expected to open in February 2015.

Easterling has a Bachelor of Science degree in computer science from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, and a Master of Business Administration degree from Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Ind.

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This 2010 photo shows a traffic jam in Algiers, Algeria. With oil prices at their lowest in five years, North Africa's hydrocarbon giant Algeria is feeling the pinch and may have to re-examine generous and massive public spending to confront social unrest.

Falling oil prices worry Algeria

By KARIM KEBIR and PAUL SCHEMM
Associated Press

ALGIERS, Algeria — With oil prices at their lowest in five years and showing few signs of hitting bottom, Algeria is feeling the pinch.

Though its problems are dwarfed by the impact on Russia for example, Algeria may have to rein back many of the policies it has held dear over many years. Generous subsidies, for one, may have to be scaled back despite the potential risk of social unrest in the North African country.

Oil revenues make up 97 percent of the country's hard currency earnings and 60 percent of the government's budget. Like Russia, which has seen a full-scale run on its currency, there have been few efforts to diversify the economy away from oil and gas.

Central Bank governor Mohammed Laksaci has warned that the oil and gas dividend won't last forever though nearly $200 billion of foreign reserves can help cushion the blow in the short-term.

"This capacity to resist such shocks will disappear quickly if the price of oil stays at a low level for a long time," he told parliament recently, deploring the economy's continued dependence on oil.

In many ways, the rule of Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika has echoes with that of his counterpart in Russia, Vladimir Putin. Both have seen their long tenures buttressed by oil-driven economic growth.

There has been little impetus for reform at the highest levels with much of policymaking on hold due to the president's fragile health. Since suffering from a stroke in 2013, Bouteflika has rarely appeared in public.

"This is the system that he built, as long as he is in power he's going to keep it that way," said Geoff Porter, a North Africa analyst. "The risks that come with market reform and privatization are too daunting for Algeria right now."

According to the International Monetary Fund's latest report on Algeria, growth for 2014 is estimated to be a decent 4 percent. However, it cautioned that with declining oil production and lower prices, Algeria's imports will exceed its exports this year for the first time in 15 years.

Subsidies, which amount to 21 percent of the country's annual economic output, cover electricity, many foodstuffs and its gasoline is the cheapest in North Africa. Some 60 percent of the jobs in the country are on the government payroll and nearly everything is imported.

The government also subsidizes education and provides housing. Social unrest, even before the scattered protests of the Arab Spring, was effectively bought off with higher wages and promises of housing – all funded by the bountiful oil receipts.

Now, however, falling prices have thrown this model into question and stirred up fears in the country's normally staid political scene.

Texas ranchers seeking alternative incomes

By BETSY BLANEY and EMILY SCHMALL
Associated Press

GAIL, Texas — The Muleshoe Ranch's profits were chopped in half when the drought withered pastures, dried up stock tanks and forced the owner to move most of his cattle out of state.

Three years later, the sprawling 33,000-acre West Texas ranch is again populated with cattle, thanks to improved rainfall. But John R. Anderson is no longer taking chances with his bottom line. The fourth-generation rancher is exploring alternative incomes to ensure his business can survive another hit from Mother Nature, including leasing part of his land for quail, deer and antelope hunting.

"The drought opened our eyes to we need to be more diverse," said Anderson, who ranches near Gail, about 70 miles south of Lubbock. "Our mind isn't closed. If there's something we can do we're going to go for it, if it makes economic sense."

His counterparts in the nation's top beef-producing state are doing everything they can to make up for the smaller profits since the drought, which began in early 2011, forced a widespread culling of herds. Though limited supplies have prompted a record rise in beef prices, more ranchers are leasing part of their property for hunting or selling water to oil companies or desert plants and mistletoe to nurseries. Some are even taking side jobs to make ends meet.

The changes may be permanent, and the ongoing drought is among the main factors that have indelibly altered the state's centuries-old cattle ranching tradition, says Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association vice president Richard Thorpe.

Hunting leases are perhaps the most popular way ranchers have diversified their incomes. Anderson will lease his land for as much as $5 an acre; other places charge thousands of dollars per gun.

From the beginning of the drought through last year, the amount of land designated for hunting- and wildlife-management use increased by about a third to 4.1 million acres. The extra income offers financial stability to ranchers who have not yet fully replenished their numbers — down about 18 percent from 13.3 million cattle in Texas and at the lowest point nationally since the early 1950s.

Several months after becoming a partial owner of the Bar L Ranch with her fiance two years ago in North Texas, Mandy Dauses realized the profit margins were thinner than she expected, due in part to having a smaller herd that was culled by nearly three-quarters. She now works full-time at a veterinarian's clinic and spends nights and weekends tending to the ranch, catching stray cattle and custom-baling hay for extra income.

"Even though we don't have as many (cattle), they're bringing in so much money we can justify smaller numbers and still operate," said Dauses, whose ranch in Kemp now holds about 120 head of cattle.

While industry groups don't keep count of how many ranchers are generating alternative incomes, they have noticed an uptick amid continued concerns of water scarcity and poor grazing conditions.

Ranchers are more often turning to hunting ventures because wild animals do not require grass to feed on, cattle raisers association spokeswoman Stacy Fox said. "They realize they can make a lot of money without as much input," she said.

Some are marketing hunting opportunities and corporate retreats to the oil and gas industry, particularly in West Texas' Permian Basin and the Eagle Ford shale formation in South Texas where production is booming.

BUSINESS PEOPLE

Fuller named VP at Eagle Technologies

FULLER

BRIDGMAN — **Brandon Fuller** has been named vice president of sales at **Eagle Technologies Group,** according to President Mike Koziel.

Fuller will take over all aspects of the sales group including sales, estimating and marketing. He has been with Eagle since April 1996, serving in areas including controls engineering and project management. His most recent position was vice president of engineering.

Fuller lives in Buchanan with his wife Tammy. He has four children and one grandchild.

Eagle Technologies Group, a Hanson Group company, is a manufacturer of factory automation equipment specializing in assembly, test and material handling systems. Industries served include automotive, pharmaceutical, medical and consumer products.

NEW IN BUSINESS

Bob Jones launches his own firm

Bob Jones is using his 20-plus years of consulting experience to launch his new firm, Jones Business Solutions.

Drawing on his extensive experience in business ownership, industrial engineering, sales and marketing, Jones said he wants to help other business owners. He has enlisted partners from other firms to provide an array of business services with a focus on business growth.

The partners have an average of 23 years working with Jones and their focus is on access to capital, cash flow relief, business/strategic/succession planning, employee retention and productivity and sales and marketing, Jones said in a news release. He said the partners include entities like Lake Michigan College, TriState HR Solutions, Schooley Mitchell Telecom Consultants and Bang Web Design.

"Since the recession in 2008, businesses have been operating in a very lean fashion and may now lack the internal resources to achieve long-term growth," Jones said. "We provide the time and experience to assist growth-minded firms in a highly efficient and cost-effective manner."

Jones and his team have plenty of relevant experience. In the last eight years as a Small Business Association-funded business consultant, Jones said he has helped in the launch of more than 100 companies, accounting for over $20 million dollars in capital formation and hundreds of jobs. Jones has also counseled more than 1,000 firms in his career ranging from manufacturing to hospitality.

For more information about Jones Business Solutions, visit www.bobjones-businesssolutions.com, call 449-6888 or email bob.jones@jbs.guru.

New hair salon opens in Berrien Springs

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Ashley Bowhuis has opened Studio 269, a hair salon at 9187 U.S. 31, Suite C, Berrien Springs. She celebrated her grand opening last week.

Bowhuis, a licensed cosmetologist since 2008, decided the time was right for her to launch her own hair salon. She had worked in various hair studios throughout the area, and was able to draw on these experiences to design a customized business incorporating elements that she felt were important to her clients. Studio 269, a full-service hair salon, offers haircuts, hair coloring, perms, heat styling, facial waxing, and deep conditioning leave-in treatments.

Studio 269 is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday by appointment only. For more information call 473-6100 or visit www.facebook.com/Studio269.

Items for New in Business should be emailed to business@TheHP.com, faxed to 429-4398, or mailed to The Herald Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

BUSINESS MEETINGS & CLASSES

■ BENTON HARBOR — A class for entrepreneurial success will be offered from 6-7:30 p.m. Jan. 14 at Kinexus, 499 W. Main St., Benton Harbor.

This introductory course on business basics will cover how to create a business plan, considering everything from marketing and operations to sales and how to prepare financial statements.

Cost is $35. For more information or to register, contact Jeff Hannan at hannanj@kinexus.org or 927-1064, Ext. 1171.

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No present for pensioners

WASHINGTON — Congress has played the Grinch this holiday season for some retirees.

Tucked into the federal spending bill were provisions that will allow certain struggling multiemployer pension plans to reduce benefits already being received by retirees.

The move was a result of an alarm from the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. that multiemployer plans covering more than 1 million participants are substantially underfunded and, without legislative changes, would likely fail. The deficit for PBGC's multiemployer insurance program has jumped to $42.4 billion, up from $8.3 billion last year.

Multiemployer plans provide benefits to more than 10 million workers and retirees in industries such as building and construction, retail, manufacturing, trucking and transportation. The PBGC said it has enough assets to meet the needs of plans currently in trouble, but there are insufficient funds to cover benefits for plans expected to run out of money in coming years.

Now those troubled multiemployer plans that estimate they won't have enough money to pay 100 percent of benefits within 15 or 20 years can cut benefits, according to the Pension Rights Center. Retirees who are 80 or older or who receive a disability pension can't have their benefits reduced.

For retirees 75 to 79, the cuts will be smaller than those who are under 75.

"It's heartbreaking," said Karen Friedman, the executive vice president for the Pension Rights Center. "We are getting calls and letters from people who are scared. They are the most vulnerable. They can't go and get another job. They were told they would have a pension for the rest of their life."

Michelle Singletary

But there are many retirees who don't even know they are affected by the change, she said.

The Department of Labor keeps a list of multiemployer plans that are in "critical" and "endangered" status, Friedman said. You can find the list by going to dol.gov and search for "2014 Critical Status Notices." The direct link is www.dol.gov/ebsa/criticalstatusnotices.html.

"But just because a pension plan is on the list doesn't mean there will be cuts to benefits," Friedman said. "It's going to take a while for all of this to get settled."

The Pension Rights Center has a good summary of the pension provisions on its website at pensionrights.org. There is also a calculator to help you figure out how much your benefits could be cut.

Plans that are considered in critical status will be authorized to cut retiree benefits provided they satisfy other criteria specified in the law, according to the summary. Workers and retirees should have received a notice that their plan is severely underfunded, but it's not unusual for people to overlook it, the center says.

There are certain limits to how much plan trustees can cut. Trustees also have to notify all plan members, the center points out, and those plans with 10,000 or more participants must appoint a retiree to represent the interest of pensioners. One part of the law that should be fixed is the fact that there presently isn't a provision to restore lost benefits if a plan's financial situation improves.

Even if you are not affected by the legislation, its passage is historic – it signals a crack in a door so many felt couldn't be opened. It sets a precedent.

You might not even know the name of the law that was written to give people with private pensions a sense of security.

It's the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, or ERISA. As part of the law, Congress created the PBGC to see to it that pensions are protected. It now oversees the benefits of more than 41 million Americans in private-sector pension plans. The agency says it is directly responsible for paying the benefits of about 1.5 million people in failed plans.

I know for many of those impacted by the change that it is hard to imagine living on less. Retirees worked for so long, sticking with the same company and counting on their work history and dedication to translate into a pension check that would last to the end of their lives.

There were many outside factors that to led to the current state of the troubled plans. But nonetheless, plan participants should feel betrayed.

The rest of us should share their pain because a sacrosanct promise that has stood for the last 40 years – that once you earn benefits and retire, your pension is set in stone – has been broken.

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Ask the Fool

Good Deal, Bad Deal

Q What happens when one company buys another — does the acquired company's stock price go up or down? — *B.C., Lexington, Kentucky*

A It depends on the purchase price. If the acquiree's current market value is around $5 billion (let's say that amounts to a $50 share price), and it's bought for $7 billion (or $70 per share), you can expect the stock price to jump on the news. When a company is very desirable, perhaps due to its technology, patents, growth prospects, etc., a buyer may have to outbid other interested companies. Struggling companies, though, are sometimes snapped up for relatively little when they're down.

Meanwhile, if investors think that the acquiring company has made a smart purchase, its own price might also rise. But if they think the company overpaid or that it won't see a good return on its investment, its price can fall.

It all depends on investor expectations and reactions to the deal. Some acquisitions turn out to be smart moves, while others end up regrettable.

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Q What's an "unrealized gain"? — *G.R., Strasburg, Virginia*

A When you sell an investment, you usually realize a gain or loss. If, for example, you buy stock in Tattoo Advertising Co. (ticker: YOWCH) at $40 per share and then sell it a few years later at $48, you'll have a realized gain of $8 per share (less commission costs).

Meanwhile, perhaps you bought shares of Farm Dogs Inc. (ticker: BINGO) at $15 apiece and they're now at $19. If you haven't sold any shares, you've got an unrealized gain (or "paper profit") of $4 per share. Since you haven't actually sold the holding, it's your profit in theory only, and an unrealized gain.

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Mutual Funds Don't Have to Cost a Lot

An individual stock might double or triple in value for you over the course of a year or two. Few mutual funds will do that. Still, there's a strong case to be made for investing in mutual funds — or their cousins, exchange-traded funds (ETFs). After all, to succeed in stocks, you need time to research them, skills to study and evaluate them, and enough interest to keep up with them. That's a tall order for many of us.

Thus, consider mutual funds, which make it easy to quickly be invested in a collection of stocks (and/or bonds) and get solid results, as long as you don't pay too much for the privilege. The stock market's historical long-term average annual return is around 10 percent. That's enough to increase your money nearly 1,000 percent over 25 years. You can earn the stock market's return via a simple index fund that tracks a broad market index, and you'll be beating the majority of managed stock funds that way, too.

You don't need lots of money to start. Yes, some funds have minimum initial investment amounts of $3,000 or $10,000. But others require $500 or less. When you invest via a retirement account such as an IRA, some funds have lower minimums or waive them entirely. And with ETFs, which trade like stocks, you can buy as little as a single share — though the commission on that small a trade might make it not worthwhile.

Consider the Schwab Total Stock Market (SWTSX) fund. It's a great broad-market index fund with a low expense ratio of 0.09 percent annually. (Index funds typically sport very low fees.) It has outperformed the S&P 500 over the past 10 and 15 years, and its minimum investment amount is a mere $100. The Vanguard Total Stock Market ETF (VTI), meanwhile, charges even less per year, 0.05 percent, and recently cost around $107 per share.

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My Dumbest Investment

Pumped and Dumped

About a year and a half ago, I was in a difficult situation and decided to invest in two penny stocks hyped in an unsolicited email. I knew better, but was stressed out. I walked straight into a pump-and-dump scheme.

I still do not know how I managed to persuade myself to buy, and ever since have been avoiding thinking about it. I learned never to invest when distracted and stressed, and to remind myself before each trade that if it looks too good to be true, it probably is. I also learned never to trust email from people I do not know. — *I.P., online*

The Fool Responds: Those lessons will serve you well. For those who don't know, pumping and dumping is a scheme often carried out with risky and volatile penny stocks. A scammer buys a lot of a penny stock and then hypes it, perhaps online or via email. As naive investors pile in, the stock rises. Then the scammer sells it, and his selling triggers a big drop in the price. The scammer profits and the unsuspecting are left with big losses.

Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

The Motley Fool Take

Realty Income from Realty Income

A smart way to get rich by investing is to put your money in companies with strong dividend histories and great business models that consistently deliver market-beating performance. One such company is real estate investment trust (REIT) Realty Income Corp. (NYSE: O).

The company invests in commercial properties and rents them to stable, high-quality tenants, most of which (78 percent) are retail businesses. (Tenants include Walgreens, FedEx, Dollar General and Family Dollar.) The overall occupancy rate of its roughly 4,300 properties recently topped 98 percent (and has never been below 96 percent).

Generally, retail tenants have "triple-net" leases. This means that they're responsible for paying property taxes, insurance and maintenance costs for the building. Plus, the lease terms are long, with annual rent increases built in. Realty Income's average lease has 10.4 years left on it. This combination of low turnover and predictable rent has allowed the company to increase its dividend more than 75 times since it went public in 1994.

Over the past 20 years, Realty Income has averaged an impressive annual return of close to 17 percent, and it has performed well in both good markets and bad. It offers a dividend (recently yielding 4.8 percent) that's paid monthly and has strong management. Learn more and see if it deserves a spot in your portfolio.

FOOLISH TRIVIA

Name That Company

I began as a grocery store launched in Cincinnati in 1883 with $372. In 1901, I was the first grocery store to feature a bakery. Today I'm one of the world's biggest retailers, with more than 2,600 locations in 34 states and more than 375,000 employees. My formats include grocery stores, multi-department stores, discount stores, convenience stores and jewelry stores. Brands under my roof include City Market, Dillons, Food 4 Less, Fred Meyer, Fry's, Harris Teeter, Jay C, King Soopers, QFC, Ralphs, Smith's and my own well-known name. I rake in more than $100 billion annually. Who am I?

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LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

Based in Cleveland, I trace my history back to 1866, when my innovative founders decided to offer ready-to-use paint. Today, with more than 40,000 employees, more than 4,100 locations and more than $10 billion in annual sales, I'm the largest paints and coatings producer in the U.S., and among the largest in the world. I sell to professional, industrial, commercial and retail customers, and my brands include my own name as well as Dutch Boy, Krylon, Minwax and Thompson's Water Seal. My stock has averaged annual gains of 17 percent over the past 20 years. Who am I? (Answer: Sherwin-Williams)

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The best businesses know how to keep great workers

Good help may be easier to find than the old saying suggests, but it is certainly hard to keep.

Even in areas where the economy is relatively slow, good employees usually have no difficulty finding a job that suits them better.

And it's not always a matter of money. Everyone appreciates a bigger paycheck, of course, but quality of life issues are increasingly taking precedence in today's time-crunched world. Employees want careers that complement their lifestyles, rather than dictate them. And if they are that good, as noted earlier, chances are that a "perfect job," or at least one close enough to it, will find them.

What can you do to keep those special employees on your staff instead of someone else's? Here are some ideas:

■ Talk to them … and listen. A solid employer-employee relationship begins with communication. Schedule regular meetings to discuss what's going on with the company, what customers are talking about, and other timely issues. If you're considering investing in new equipment or offering new products or services, ask employees what they think of the idea. They may have perspectives or suggestions you hadn't thought of.

■ Equalize expectations. Similarly, make sure each employee knows what's expected of him/her, and how performance is to be evaluated and rewarded. Annual reviews are the norm, but more frequent meetings may help identify areas for improvement or opportunities to adjust duties and expectations, particularly if your business is in the midst of change. That also includes providing a clear path for advancement within your company as it grows.

■ Be flexible. Look at your operations and see if it might be possible to make employees' hours more flexible, perhaps working longer hours in exchange for an extra full day off, or allowing them to work from home on some days. Also give employees the choice of using vacation time little by little throughout the year, rather than a single one-time block. Of course, individual requests will have to be coordinated with other workers to make sure all functions are covered.

■ Help them learn. Good employees always want to learn new skills. Consider offering a tuition reimbursement or cost-sharing on job-related training and professional development courses. Yes, there's a risk that the employee will take that newfound knowledge elsewhere, but your encouragement and support improves the odds that they'll stay put.

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Insurance company will decide who pays in parking lot accident

DEAR BRUCE: I recently got into a car accident in a gas station parking lot. The cop said that the other party was at fault. When I make my claim to my insurance company, how do they determine who pays – my insurance or the other party that was at fault? – G.P.

Bruce Williams

DEAR G.P.: The fact that the police officer said the other party was at fault is not going to hurt you, but don't make the mistake of thinking it's iron clad because of what he said. He wasn't there, and he is only making his decision based on who said what.

When you make your claim to the insurance company and give your version of what happened, you are certainly going to make the case that it was the other party's fault, but that isn't necessarily going to be the answer either. Because the accident happened in a gas station parking lot, which is private property, and apparently no one was injured, the authorities are going to take very little interest in this. Tell your story to your claims adjuster and tell him, in your opinion, why the other party is at fault. From there, it will be up to the insurance company to determine.

DEAR BRUCE: I will be purchasing a home close to a pond. The pond isn't that big, but I am wondering: Am I required to have flood insurance? – Reader

DEAR READER: Whether you have to purchase flood insurance is a matter of statute at this point. If the home you're purchasing is in a flood-designated area and the community involved has determined that this is an area covered by flood insurance, the likelihood is you'll have to purchase it.

On the other hand, since it's a small pond, it's unlikely that that alone would require you to have flood insurance. In any case, go to the lender, explain the circumstance and have the lender determine if flood insurance is needed.

Money&Markets Extra

The Week Ahead

Spotlight on housing

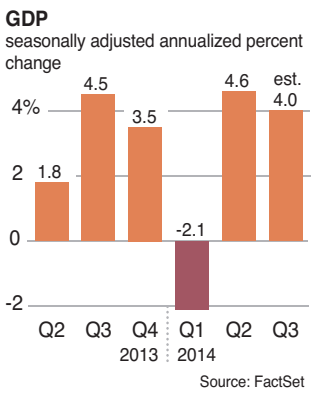
Economists project that sales of previously occupied homes slowed slightly in November from a month earlier.

Home sales rose 1.5 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.3 million in October, the briskest pace this year. Home sales have slumped through much of 2014 after a three-year rally in the wake of the housing bust. The National Association of Realtors reports its latest tally of home sales on Monday.

Economic barometer

The U.S. economy has been gaining strength this year after a dismal start due to severe winter weather.

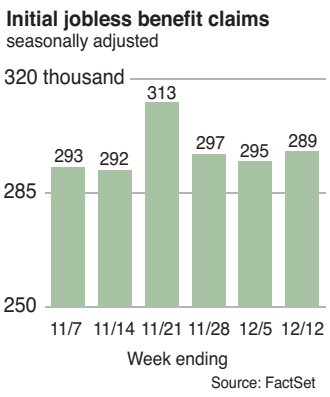
The economy grew at an annualized pace of 4.6 percent in the April-June quarter after falling 2.1 percent in the first three months of the year. The Commerce Department reports its latest estimate of growth for the July-September period on Tuesday. Economists anticipate a gain of 4 percent for the quarter, up from a previous estimate of 3.9 percent.



Labor market bellwether

The Labor Department reports on Wednesday its latest weekly figures on applications for unemployment benefits.

Jobless aid applications have been mostly hovering below 300,000 a week. For the week ended Dec. 12, they slid to a seasonally adjusted 289,000, the lowest level since late October. Applications are a proxy for layoffs. Companies have been cutting fewer jobs as the economy has expanded and hiring has picked up.



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AutoZone	AZO	461.14	616.11	**618.60**	**13.87**	2.3	▲	▲	29.4	+31.38		31.3	19	...
BP PLC	BP	34.88	53.48	**39.40**	**3.16**	8.7	▼	▼	-18.9	−10.45		-2.9	6	6.1
BonTon	BONT	6.59	18.62	**7.28**	**0.05**	0.7	▼	▼	-55.2	−57.93		-4.3	...	2.7
CMS Eng	CMS	25.95	34.55	**34.49**	**0.94**	2.8	▲	▲	28.8	+33.37		20.0	20	3.1
ChemFinl	CHFC	25.99	33.28	**30.18**	**1.92**	6.8	▲	▲	-4.7	-+.16		7.6	15	3.2
CocaCola	KO	36.89	45.00	**41.95**	**1.04**	2.5	▼	▼	1.5	+8.30		10.6	23	2.9
Comcast	CMCSA	47.74	57.49	**57.17**	**1.82**	3.3	▲	▲	10.0	+14.30		28.4	18	1.6
Deere	DE	78.88	94.89	**90.10**	**3.69**	4.3	▲	▲	-1.3	+3.25		12.5	10	2.7
Disney	DIS	69.84	94.50	**92.89**	**1.40**	1.5	▲	▲	21.6	+28.87		24.8	22	1.2
ExxonMbl	XOM	86.19	104.76	**93.64**	**7.04**	8.1	▼	▼	-7.5	−3.11		8.9	12	2.9
FamilyDlr	FDO	55.64	80.97	**78.96**	**-0.29**	-0.4	▬	▲	21.5	+25.65		24.1	32	1.6
FifthThird	FITB	17.65	23.90	**20.07**	**0.33**	1.7	▼	▼	-4.6	-.48		17.1	12	2.6
1stSource	SRCE	27.56	33.21	**34.26**	**3.06**	9.8	▲	▲	7.3	+7.90		18.9	15	2.1
FordM	F	13.26	18.12	**15.03**	**0.04**	0.3	▼	▼	-2.6	-+1.50		10.8	10	3.3
GenElec	GE	23.69	28.09	**25.62**	**0.96**	3.9	▼	▼	-8.6	−2.96		13.4	18	3.6
Google A	GOOGL	497.19	615.03	**520.04**	**-1.47**	-0.3	▼	▼	-7.3	−4.34		11.7	22	...
HomeDp	HD	73.96	101.40	**101.93**	**2.15**	2.2	▲	▲	23.8	+29.84		30.5	23	1.8
HorizBcp	HBNC	19.38	26.71	**26.44**	**1.74**	7.0	▲	▲	4.4	+10.78		34.3	14	2.1
HuntBncsh	HBAN	8.66	10.50	**10.33**	**0.33**	3.3	▲	▲	7.0	+10.37		24.3	14	2.3
IDEX	IEX	65.91	81.82	**77.01**	**2.45**	3.3	▼	▲	4.3	+9.02		20.5	22	1.5
IntegrysE	TEG	52.08	76.72	**76.58**	**2.32**	3.1	▲	▲	40.7	+46.82		16.5	19	3.6
IBM	IBM	150.50	199.21	**158.51**	**3.13**	2.0	▼	▼	-15.5	−9.69		6.5	13	2.8
JPMorgCh	JPM	52.97	63.16	**61.93**	**1.89**	3.1	▲	▲	6.6	+10.94		10.4	11	2.6
JohnJn	JNJ	86.09	109.49	**105.55**	**1.12**	1.1	▼	▼	15.2	+17.75		12.8	17	2.7
JournalCm	JRN	7.79	11.37	**11.21**	**0.81**	7.8	▲	▲	20.4	+19.89		22.1	16	...
Lowes	LOW	44.13	67.27	**66.90**	**2.03**	3.1	▲	▲	35.0	+39.95		24.2	26	1.4
McDnlds	MCD	87.62	103.78	**93.22**	**2.60**	2.9	▼	▼	-3.9	+1.43		11.5	18	3.6
Microsoft	MSFT	34.63	50.05	**47.66**	**0.71**	1.5	▼	▲	27.4	+34.65		11.3	19	2.6
MillerHer	MLHR	26.25	32.72	**29.70**	**-0.23**	-0.8	▼	▼	0.6	+5.95		14.1	19	1.9
Penney	JCP	4.90	11.30	**6.59**	**0.21**	3.3	▼	▼	-28.0	−17.21		-20.5	...	...
Perrigo	PRGO	125.37	168.39	**168.14**	**14.73**	9.6	▲	▲	9.6	+11.53		34.8	\>99	0.2
Pfizer	PFE	27.51	33.12	**31.94**	**0.99**	3.2	▲	▲	4.3	+7.39		14.7	16	3.5
ProctGam	PG	75.26	92.00	**92.05**	**2.50**	2.8	▲	▲	13.1	+15.49		10.9	25	2.8
RepubSvc	RSG	31.42	40.46	**40.26**	**1.54**	4.0	▲	▲	21.3	+25.21		10.0	19	2.8
SearsHldgs	SHLD	24.10	48.25	**33.04**	**0.74**	2.3	▼	▲	-16.8	−4.76		-8.8	...	...
Steelcse	SCS	13.60	18.22	**17.80**	**0.58**	3.4	▲	▲	12.2	+13.35		26.1	23	2.4
Stryker	SYK	71.24	95.85	**94.79**	**2.79**	3.0	▲	▲	26.2	+30.01		14.5	50	1.5
Target	TGT	54.66	74.99	**73.95**	**1.55**	2.1	▲	▲	16.9	+22.04		10.8	31	2.8
TractSupp	TSCO	55.95	79.14	**76.38**	**-1.34**	-1.7	▲	▲	-1.5	+3.94		43.3	30	0.8
UPS B	UPS	93.19	111.57	**110.96**	**0.96**	0.9	▲	▲	5.6	+10.14		16.1	23	2.4
VerizonCm	VZ	45.09	53.66	**47.02**	**1.44**	3.2	▼	▼	-4.3	+1.51		13.2	10	4.7
WalMart	WMT	72.27	88.09	**85.16**	**1.35**	1.6	▲	▲	8.2	+12.74		12.0	18	2.3
Walgrn	WAG	54.86	76.39	**73.23**	**-1.27**	-1.7	▲	▲	27.5	+30.90		16.4	37	1.8
Wendys Co	WEN	7.61	10.27	**8.64**	**-0.07**	-0.8	▲	▲	-0.9	+4.55		16.4	31	2.5
Whrlpl	WHR	124.39	192.44	**189.73**	**9.09**	5.0	▲	▲	21.0	+25.46		20.0	20	1.6
Worthgtn	WOR	30.50	48.58	**30.06**	**-5.29**	-15.0	▼	▼	-28.6	−30.26		22.4	14	2.4
XPO Logis	XPO	22.84	40.99	**40.25**	**2.93**	7.9	▲	▲	53.1	+59.22		54.6	...	...

Notes on data: Total returns, shown for periods 1-year or greater, include dividend income and change in market price. Three-year and five-year returns annualized. Ellipses indicate data not available. Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters. Rank classifies a stock's performance relative to all U.S.-listed shares, from top 20 percent (far-left box) to bottom 20 percent (far-right box).

StoryStocks

Stocks ended higher Friday, notching their third consecutive gain in as many days. The streak helped lift the major stock indexes ahead for the week, though the Nasdaq composite and the Dow Jones industrial average remained down for the month. Energy stocks led the gainers in the Standard & Poor's 500 index. Looking ahead, market action will likely slow next week as investors turn their attention to the Christmas holiday.

Teekay Tankers TNK

Close: **$4.70 ▼-0.70 or -13.0%**

The ocean-freight hauler is buying five tankers and priced 20 million shares for sale to raise cash, which pressured its stock.

Vol.: **14.6m (19.4x avg.)** PE: **7.7**
Mkt. Cap: **$334.64 m** Yield: **2.6%**

Xerox XRX

Close: **$13.96 ▲0.07 or 0.5%**

The business services provider is selling its information technology outsourcing division to France's Atos for $1.05 billion.

Vol.: **12.7m (1.6x avg.)** PE: **15.2**
Mkt. Cap: **$15.94 b** Yield: **1.8%**

CarMax KMX

Close: **$67.32 ▲6.79 or 11.2%**

Booming sales and an expanding footprint nationwide pushed third-quarter profit up 22 percent at the used car dealership chain.

Vol.: **6.7m (2.9x avg.)** PE: **28.5**
Mkt. Cap: **$14.5 b** Yield: **...**

Nike NKE

Close: **$94.84 ▼-2.24 or -2.3%**

Signs that orders from Asia and developing markets are weakening overshadowed a strong quarter from the athletic gear company.

Vol.: **13.5m (3.4x avg.)** PE: **29.6**
Mkt. Cap: **$64.87 b** Yield: **1.2%**

SOURCE: Sungard

BlackBerry BBRY

Close: **$9.99 ▼-0.08 or -0.8%**

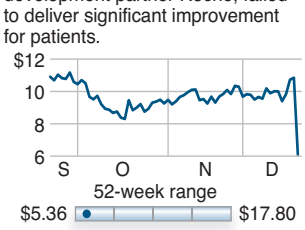
Disappointing revenue got more attention than a surprise third-quarter operating profit from the Canadian communications company.

Vol.: **50.6m (3.5x avg.)** PE: **1.8**
Mkt. Cap: **$5.28 b** Yield: **...**

ImmunoGen IMGN

Close: **$6.11 ▼-4.74 or -43.7%**

A breast cancer treatment from drug development partner Roche, failed to deliver significant improvement for patients.



Vol.: **16.3m (10.9x avg.)** PE: **...**
Mkt. Cap: **$525.07 m** Yield: **...**

AP

Company Spotlight: CarMax soars

Shares of CarMax, the used car dealership chain, soared 11.2 percent Friday after it reported a 22 percent jump in third-quarter earnings.

The Richmond, Virginia, company earned $130 million, or 60 cents per share, for the period ended Nov. 30, up from $106.4 million, or 47 cents per share, a year ago.

The results exceeded Wall Street expectations of 54 cents per share, according to Zacks Investment Research.

CarMax, which runs more than 140 stores that mainly sell used cars and trucks, said revenue increased about 16 percent to $3.41 billion. Analysts expected $3.26 billion.

Sales at stores open at least one year rose 7.4 percent. That is a key metric because it strips out the volatility of newly opened and closed locations.

CarMax (KMX) Friday's close: **$67.32** Dividend: **none**

52-WEEK RANGE $43 – 67

Price-earnings ratio: **28** (Based on past 12 month results)

Price change:	YTD	3-yr*
KMX	**43.2%**	**30.7**

Source: FactSet *annualized AP

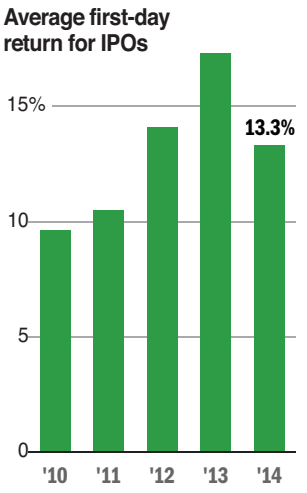
MutualFunds

FUND	NAV	WK CHG	12-MO %RTN
AMG			
YacktmanSvc d	26.37	+.79	+14.0
YkmFcsSvc d	28.02	+.85	+13.4
AQR			
MaFtStrl	10.43	-.92	+9.9
AllianzGI			
NFJAllCpValIns	17.29	+.54	+13.1
American Beacon			
LgCpVlInv	30.15	+1.13	+13.3
LgCpVlIs	31.91	+1.21	+13.7
SmCapInst	28.10	+.96	+6.9
American Century			
EqIncInv	8.83	+.25	+14.5
HeritInv	23.54	-2.97	+10.6
InvGrInv	28.91	-6.46	+14.4
UltraInv	35.04	-1.74	+13.5
American Funds			
AMCAPA x	28.27	-.81	+15.6
AmBalA m	26.29	+.48	+10.9
BondA m	12.80	-.04	+5.2
CapIncBuA m	60.77	+1.07	+9.3
CapWldBdA m	19.85	-.46	+1.6
CpWldGrIA m	46.52	+.88	+7.5
EurPacGrA m	48.09	+.47	+0.6
FnInvA m	55.85	+1.61	+11.9
GlbBalA m	31.22	+.40	+6.1
GrthAmA m	42.94	-3.03	+12.5
HiIncA m	10.73	+.08	+0.4
IncAmerA m	21.98	+.51	+10.8
IntBdAmA m	13.50	-.06	+1.6
IntlGrInA x	31.99	-.61	-0.2
InvCoAmA m	41.18	+1.29	+16.1
MutualA x	37.42	-.23	+15.6
NewEconA m	40.30	+.99	+7.7
NewPerspA m	38.98	+.72	+6.3
NwWrldA m	56.84	+.63	-1.5
SmCpWldA m	49.86	+1.08	+4.0
TaxEBdAmA m	13.09	-.04	+9.4
WAMutInvA x	41.07	-.92	+13.6
Artisan			
Intl d	30.30	+.48	+2.9
Intll d	30.49	+.49	+3.2
IntlVal d	34.33	+.78	+2.6
MdCpVal	24.78	+.88	+4.2
MidCap	45.79	+1.59	+9.5
MidCapI	48.27	+1.67	+9.8
Aston Funds			
MidCapI	48.86	+2.29	+13.4
BBH			
CoreSelN d	22.78	+.22	+11.0
Baird			
CrPlBInst	11.15	-.03	+6.2
Baron			
GrInstl	72.92	+2.46	+6.9
Growth b	71.96	+2.42	+6.7
Bernstein			
DiversMui	14.52	-.05	+3.9
IntDur	13.51	-.04	+6.1
TxMIntl	15.19	+.18	-2.3
BlackRock			
EqDivA m	24.94	+.82	+11.7
EqDivI	24.99	+.83	+12.1
EquitDivC m	24.35	+.79	+10.9
GlLSCrI	10.81	-.02	+1.1
GlobAlcA m	19.87	-1.50	+4.1
GlobAlcC m	18.27	-1.46	+3.4
GlobAlcI	19.97	-1.53	+4.4
HiYldBdIs	8.02	+.09	+3.6
StIncInvA m	10.30	+.03	+4.0
StrIncIns	10.30	+.03	+4.4
Causeway			
IntlVlIns d	14.94	-.13	-2.1
Cohen & Steers			
Realty	76.88	+1.34	+31.2
Columbia			
AcornIntZ	41.62	+.68	-1.5
AcornZ	31.85	+1.18	+3.4
DivIncZ	19.06	-.72	+15.7
DivOppA m	9.57	-1.11	+13.0
LgCrQuantA m	9.74	+.25	+18.7
StLgCpGrZ	18.12	+.49	+13.2
Constellation			
SndsSelGrI	18.65	+.57	+11.6
Credit Suisse			
ComStrInstl	6.26	-.11	-13.7
DFA			
1YrFixInl	10.30	-.02	+0.2
2YrGlbFII	9.90	-.12	+0.4
5YrGlbFII	10.92	-.20	+2.4
EmMkCrEql	18.73	+.05	-0.2
EmMktVal	25.56	-.04	-3.4
EmMtSmCpI	19.58	-.70	+3.3
EmgMktI	24.83	+.17	-1.0
GlEqInst	18.44	+.45	+7.6
IntCorEqI	11.78	+.17	-2.1
IntGovFII	12.54	-.23	+4.7
IntSmCapI	18.61	-.20	-1.3
IntlSCoI	16.95	-.56	-3.2
IntlValuI	17.86	+.27	-2.6
RelEstScI	33.07	+.07	+32.2
STEtdQltI	10.78	-.09	+1.4
TAUSCrE2I	14.24	+.26	+12.3
TMMkWVal	25.73	+.99	+12.4
USCorEq1I	17.93	+.45	+13.5
USCorEq2I	17.48	+.44	+12.2
USLgCo	16.31	+.45	+16.7
USLgVaII	34.01	+1.15	+12.6
USMicroI	19.05	-.54	+4.9
USSmValI	34.40	-.25	+5.4
USSmallI	30.75	-.01	+6.6
USTgtValInst	21.91	-.26	+5.3
Davis			
NYVentA m	36.84	+1.00	+9.3
NYVentY	37.37	+1.02	+9.6
Delaware Invest			
Valuel	18.37	+.75	+16.6
Dodge & Cox			
Bal x	102.62	-.22	+10.8
GlbStock x	11.86	-.17	+9.9
Income x	13.76	-.19	+5.3
IntlStk x	42.41	-.14	+3.7
Stock x	181.48	+2.75	+13.5
DoubleLine			
TotRetBdN b	10.99	-.04	+5.9
Dreyfus			
AppreciaInv	56.51	+1.78	+11.8
Driehaus			
ActiveInc	10.39	-.05	-1.1
Eaton Vance			
ACSmCpI	25.25	+.57	+7.5
FltgRtI	8.88	-.02	+0.5
FMI			
LgCap	21.34	-1.44	NA
FPA			
Cres d	34.89	+.64	+8.5
NewInc d	10.18	...	+1.2
Fairholme Funds			
Fairhome d	37.91	+.92	-1.7
Federated			
InstHiYIn d	9.84	+.11	+2.8
StrValI	5.99	+.19	+14.5
ToRetIs	11.05	-.01	+5.1
Fidelity			
AstMgr20	13.24	+.08	+4.3
AstMgr50	17.06	+.25	+6.7
Bal	22.84	+.51	+12.1
Bal K	22.84	+.51	+12.2
BlChGrow	68.68	+1.72	+17.8
BlChGrowK	68.74	+1.72	+17.9
CapApr	36.63	+.96	+15.7
CapInc d	9.65	+.12	+6.6
Contra	98.68	+2.49	+12.6
ContraK	98.60	+2.49	+12.8
DivGrow	33.53	+1.00	+14.9
DivrIntl d	34.69	+.59	+0.6
DivrIntlK d	34.62	+.59	+0.7
EqInc	59.56	+1.80	+11.4
EqInc II	26.84	+.85	+14.5
FF2015	12.94	+.19	+6.3
FF2035	13.67	+.34	+8.1
FF2040	9.64	+.25	+8.0
Fidelity	43.06	+1.26	+16.0
FltRtHiIn d	9.60	+.01	+0.2
FourInOne	38.10	+.88	+9.1
FrdmK2010	13.64	+.17	+5.9
FrdmK2015	13.99	+.21	+6.4
FrdmK2020	14.66	+.25	+6.8
FrdmK2025	15.27	+.30	+7.4
FrdmK2030	15.63	+.37	+8.0
FrdmK2035	16.09	+.41	+8.2
FrdmK2040	16.14	+.41	+8.2
FrdmK2045	16.55	+.42	+8.2
FrdmK2050	16.65	+.43	+8.2
Free2010	15.79	+.21	+5.8
Free2020	15.79	+.27	+6.8
Free2025	13.52	+.27	+7.3
Free2030	16.62	+.39	+7.9
GNMA	11.66	-.02	+5.8
GrowCo	132.73	+4.68	+17.1
GrowInc	30.27	+.98	+12.8
GrthCmpK	132.55	+4.67	+17.3
HiInc d	8.87	+.11	+1.3
Indepndnc	39.02	+1.26	+14.9
IntMuniInc d	10.55	-.03	+6.4
IntlDisc d	38.22	+.40	-1.8
InvGrBd	7.91	-.01	+5.0
LevCoSt d	45.21	+1.97	+8.3
LowPrStkK d	50.08	+1.38	+10.0
LowPriStk d	50.13	+1.38	+9.9
MIMuInc d	12.31	-.03	+9.0
Magellan	92.84	+2.88	+16.9
MidCap d	38.39	+1.35	+10.3
MuniInc d	13.51	-.04	+10.3
NewMille	38.90	+1.25	+9.6
NewMktIn d	15.22	-.12	+3.1
OTC	80.21	+2.19	+20.5
OTCK	80.97	+2.22	+20.6
Puritan	21.56	+.45	+12.3
PuritanK	21.55	+.46	+12.5
RealInv d	40.89	+.19	+30.1
SASEqF x	14.19	-.95	+15.9
SEMF	16.44	+.22	-4.0
SInvGrBdF	11.44	-.05	+5.3
STMIdxF x	60.07	+1.21	+15.5
SersEmgMkts	16.40	+.21	-4.2
SesAl-SctrEqt	x14.20	-.93	+15.6
SesInmGrdBd	11.44	-.04	+5.2
ShTrmBond	8.58	-.02	+0.8
SmCapDisc d	29.74	+1.23	+8.7
StkSelec	35.45	+1.17	+13.7
StratInc	10.67	+.06	+3.1
TotalBd	10.67	-.04	+4.9
USBdIdx	11.73	-.04	+5.2
USBdIdxInv	11.73	-.05	+5.1
Value	112.91	+4.09	+14.5
Fidelity Advisor			
AstMgr70	19.80	+.41	+7.6
NewInsA m	26.91	+.77	+12.6
NewInsC m	24.67	+.70	+11.7
NewInsI	27.39	+.79	+12.9
StratIncA m	12.09	+.06	+2.9
Fidelity Select			
Biotech d	229.46	+10.51	+45.2
HealtCar x	222.88	-11.05	+39.8
Fidelity Spartan			
500IdxAdvtg x	73.23	+1.90	+16.7
500IdxAdvtgInst x	73.23	+1.89	+16.8
500IdxInstl x	73.24	+1.91	+16.8
500IdxInv x	73.23	+1.91	+16.7
ExtMktIdAg x	54.90	+.50	+10.6
IntlIdxAdg x	37.58	-.47	-1.3
TotMktIdAg x	60.07	+1.22	+15.5
Fidelity¬Æ			
SerBlueChipGrF	12.14	+.31	+18.1
SeriesGrowthCo	12.06	+.42	+17.9
SeriesGrowthCoF	12.06	+.42	+18.1
First Eagle			
GlbA m	52.73	-1.58	+5.7
OverseasA m	21.86	-.87	+1.4
FrankTemp-Frank			
Fed TF A m	12.52	-.02	+10.9
FrankTemp-Franklin			
CA TF A m	7.53	-.01	+13.2
GrowthA m	75.10	+2.17	+18.1
HY TF A m	10.61	-.04	+13.6
HighIncA m	1.97	+.03	-0.4
Income C m	2.42	+.07	+4.8
IncomeA m	2.40	+.07	+5.4
IncomeAdv	2.38	+.07	+5.6
NY TF A m	11.69	-.03	+9.0
RisDvA m	52.21	+1.95	+12.1
StrIncA m	10.17	+.03	+1.7
USGovA m	6.51	-.01	+4.0
Utils A m	17.59	+.48	+26.0
FrankTemp-Mutual			
Discov Z x	33.33	-1.10	+7.7
DiscovA x	32.82	-1.02	+7.4
QuestZ x	16.18	-2.05	+5.2
Shares Z x	29.67	+.16	+10.5
SharesA x	29.44	+.25	+10.2
FrankTemp-Templeton			
Fgn A x	6.97	-.30	-7.9
GlBond C m	12.49	-.46	+1.8
GlBondA m	12.46	-.47	+2.2
GlBondAdv	12.42	-.46	+2.5
GrowthA m	23.93	+.56	+1.1
WorldA x	17.27	-1.17	-0.2
Franklin Templeton			
FndAllA m	13.63	+.30	+5.1
Franklin Templeton I			
GlTlRtAdv	12.56	-.46	+1.3
GE			
S&SUSEq	62.42	+2.14	+16.7
GMO			
AABdIV	25.99	+.21	+7.9
EmgMktsVI d	9.99	+.02	-6.1
IntltVIIV	22.27	-1.10	-2.2
QuIII	22.49	-2.15	+15.6
USEqAllcVI	16.14	-1.69	+12.0
Goldman Sachs			
GrOppIs	27.75	+1.11	+13.9
HiYieldIs d	6.71	+.08	+1.8
MidCpVals	41.41	+1.37	+16.2
ShDuTFIs	10.59	-.01	+1.9
SmCpValIs	55.21	+1.87	+9.4
Harbor			
Bond	12.05	-.30	+4.4
CapApInst	59.09	-2.08	+13.5
IntlInstl	65.81	-.16	-1.8
IntlInv b	65.20	+.10	-2.1
Harding Loevner			
IntlEq d	17.91	+.26	+2.2
Hartford			
CapApA m	37.44	+1.07	+11.1
CpApHLSIA	55.77	+1.72	+11.1
DivGrowA m	25.46	+.83	+15.4
INVESCO			
BalAlocY	11.62	+.04	+6.7
CharterA m	21.21	+.60	+10.8
ComstockA m	25.65	+1.08	+12.1
DivDivA m	18.33	+.52	+14.2
EqIncomeA m	10.39	+.26	+10.9
GrowIncA m	26.70	+.98	+13.0
HiYldMuA m	9.97	-.04	+16.4
IVA			
WorldwideI d	17.55	-.68	+5.4
Ivy			
AssetStrA m	25.89	+.40	-1.6
AssetStrC m	24.94	+.39	-2.2
AsstStrgI	26.14	+.41	-1.3
JPMorgan			
CoreBdUlt	11.78	-.04	+5.1
CoreBondA m	11.77	-.04	+4.7
CoreBondSelect	11.76	-.04	+4.9
DiscEqUlt x	23.79	+.76	+19.2
EqIncSelect	14.39	+.48	+16.5
HighYldSel	7.59	+.09	+2.4
InvBalA m	15.21	-.05	+7.7
LgCapGrA m	34.88	+1.02	+14.1
LgCapGrSelect	34.94	+1.01	+14.3
MidCpValI x	37.08	+.76	+17.6
ShDurBndSel	10.87	-.03	+0.6
USEquityI x	14.60	+.41	+17.0
USLCpCrPS x	29.51	+.76	+17.8
ValAdvI x	29.86	+.58	+16.4
Janus			
BalT	30.55	-.93	+9.4
John Hancock			
DisValMdCpI	19.96	+.14	+15.9
DiscValI	18.99	-.32	+13.5
GAbRSI	11.52	+.14	+4.4
LifAg1 b	16.69	+.45	+7.7
LifBa1 b	15.82	+.30	+6.1
LifGr1 b	16.85	+.40	+7.2
Lazard			
EmgMkEqInst	d17.73	+.22	-3.1
IntlStEqInst d	14.29	+.23	+2.5
Legg Mason			
CBAggressGrthA	m206.78	+8.75	+19.7
CBAggressGrthI	224.14	+9.49	+20.0
CBAppreciatA	m20.78	+.66	+13.7
WACorePlusBdI	11.62	+.02	+7.3
Longleaf Partners			
LongPart	31.59	+.92	+7.2
SmCap	30.52	+.38	+15.3
Loomis Sayles			
BdInstl	14.80	-.47	+5.2
BdR b	14.73	-.47	+4.9
Lord Abbett			
AffiliatA m	16.39	+.54	+14.8

MarketPulse

FIZZLED POP
It's called a "first-day pop," and it can be very sweet for a company's early investors. When a business sells its stock publicly for the first time, it often sees a big surge on the first day of trading. Alibaba, for example, jumped 38 percent on its first day in September. But the first-day pop has been more subdued this year. Initial public offerings had an average first-day gain of 13.3 percent, down from 17.3 percent last year. Not only that, nearly 28 percent of IPOs actually fell on their first day of trading, the highest percentage in three years.

Average first-day return for IPOs



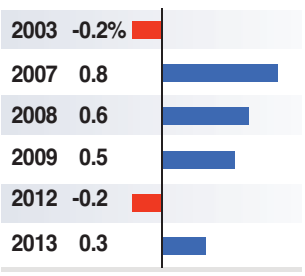
Source: Renaissance Capital

HEDGE YOUR BETS
If your employer goes bust, your paycheck will be gone. Why make it so that your 401(k) will be, too? Employees at Lehman Brothers, Enron and other companies saw the danger of keeping a big chunk of their 401(k) accounts in company stock when their companies went bankrupt and those shares suddenly became worthless.

Workers seem to be paying attention and are keeping less company stock in their 401(k) accounts, according to the Employee Benefit Research Institute and Investment Company Institute. Only 7 percent of 401(k) accounts are invested in company stock, down from 11 percent in 2007.

NARY A CREATURE
On the day before Christmas, trading in the stock market can be quiet as a mouse. Christmas Eve is traditionally a shortened day for Wall Street, with trading on the New York Stock Exchange halting at 1 p.m., and the moves are often mild during the abbreviated session. Over the last 10 Christmas Eves where trading occurred, the Standard & Poor's 500 index had an average gain of just 0.03 percent. The largest move over that stretch was a 0.8 percent gain in 2007. The index has moved that much – either up or down – three straight days this past week.

S&P 500 change
Christmas Eve*



*When trading occurred

Source: FactSet

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Quotable

"The momentum from yesterday's Fed announcement has continued to resonate through global markets."

— **Stan Shamu,** a market strategist at IG

Member of the club

Facebook joined the big leagues, so to speak, when it was added to the Standard & Poor's 500 index after the close of trading on Dec. 20, 2013. Since then its stock has jumped 42.2 percent, compared with a 13.4 percent rise in the broader market.

Facebook grew its ad revenue by 64 percent in the third quarter. A steady increase in mobile ad revenue indicates that Facebook has succeeded in steering advertisers to its mobile platform at a time when most of its users are accessing Facebook on phones and tablets.

Citing steps Facebook is taking to improve search features to make it easier to find old posts and photos – and the possibility that the social network could ultimately develop a search engine of its own – analyst Arvind Bhatia, recently reiterated his "Buy" rating. He maintains a price target of $85.

Facebook (FB)
Thursday's close: $78.40

P/E ratio: 74
Based on next 12 month results
Market value: $212.2 billion

Avg. broker rating: SELL HOLD BUY
Number of analysts: 47

Well liked Shares of Facebook have enjoyed an impressive run since being added to the S&P 500.

Sources: FactSet; Morningstar ^annualized *through Dec. 17

Total return*

	1-yr	2-yr^
Facebook	38.7%	68.7%
S&P 500	13.5	20.4

Revenue

2013	$7.9 billion
est. 2014	$12.4 billion

Operating EPS

2013	$0.88
est. 2014	$1.68

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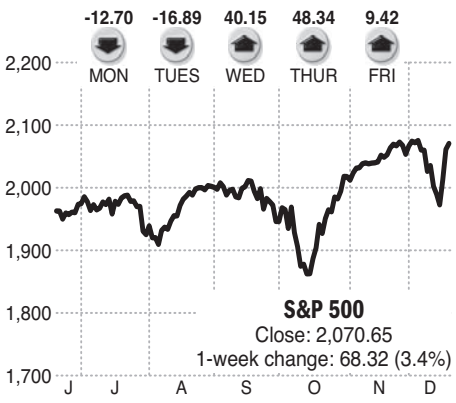
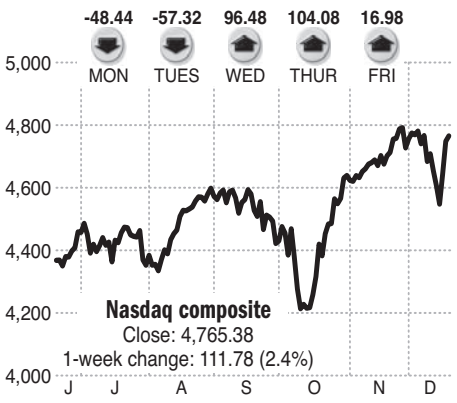




WEEKLY PERFORMANCE

52-WEEK HIGH	52-WEEK LOW	INDEX	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	MO	QTR	YTD %CHG	1YR %CHG
17991.19	15340.69	Dow Jones industrial average	17874.03	17067.59	17804.80	+523.97	+3.0	▼	▲	+7.4	+9.8
9310.22	7009.98	Dow Jones transportation	9026.41	8580.81	8989.45	+152.57	+1.7	▼	▲	+21.5	+23.4
617.73	476.05	Dow Jones Utilities	617.73	587.51	613.49	+15.93	+2.7	▲	▲	+25.1	+25.6
11334.65	9732.47	NYSE Comp.	10919.51	10360.03	10890.25	+389.73	+3.7	▼	▼	+4.7	+6.8
6053.61	5119.48	NYSE International	5391.01	5119.48	5381.01	+159.62	+3.1	▼	▼	-6.0	-3.3
4347.09	3414.11	Nasdaq 100	4300.40	4089.09	4281.78	+82.49	+2.0	▲	▲	+19.2	+21.3
4810.86	3946.03	Nasdaq Comp.	4782.13	4547.31	4765.38	+111.78	+2.4	▲	▲	+14.1	+16.1
2079.47	1737.92	S&P 500	2077.85	1972.56	2070.65	+68.32	+3.4	▲	▲	+12.0	+13.9
1458.79	1264.57	S&P MidCapS&P MidCap	1452.26	1383.52	1449.73	+47.37	+3.4	▲	▲	+8.0	+9.9
21850.63	18575.20	Wilshire 5000	21795.95	20701.27	21727.50	+717.67	+3.4	▲	▲	+10.3	+12.2
1213.55	1040.47	Russell 2000	1198.97	1134.51	1195.96	+43.51	+3.8	▲	▲	+2.8	+4.4
350.97	302.48	Dow Jones Stoxx 600	341.75	319.01	340.30	+9.76	+3.0	▼	▼	+4.0	+6.0
6904.86	6072.68	FTSE 100	6566.90	6144.72	6545.27	+244.64	+3.9	▼	▼	-3.0	-0.9

A wild week

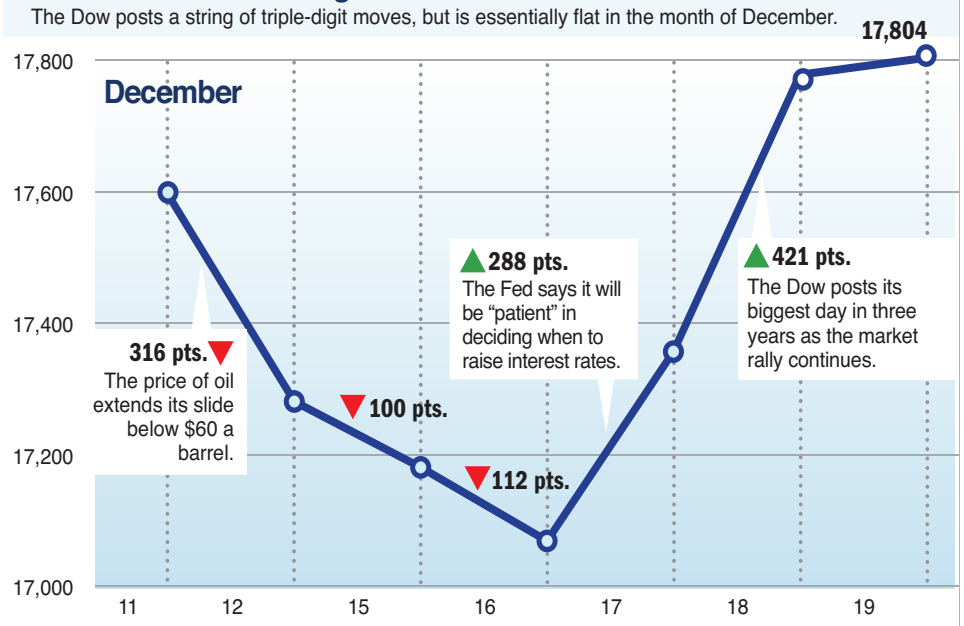
The Dow Jones industrial average came close to posting a sixth straight triple-digit move on Friday. The blue-chip index rose almost 96 points in late afternoon trading, but surrendered the majority of those gains to close at 17,804.80 – a rise of 26.7 points.

Moods shifted on Wall Street throughout the week. Early on investors were spooked by the ongoing decline in the price of oil, and implications of a catastrophic fall in the value of Russia's currency, the ruble.

But momentum shifted on Wednesday after Janet Yellen, chair of the Federal Reserve, said it would be "patient" in deciding when to raise interest rates.

Ultimately the Dow rose 3 percent this week and is up 7.4 percent so far this year.

Dow Jones industrial average
The Dow posts a string of triple-digit moves, but is essentially flat in the month of December.



Source: FactSet

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InterestRates

Money market mutual funds	YIELD	MIN INVEST	PHONE
Taxable—national avg	0.01		
Meeder MMF/Retail	0.06	$ 2,500 min	(800) 325-3539
Tax-exempt—national avg	0.01		
Alpine Municipal MMF/Inv	0.03	$ 2,500 min	(888) 785-5578

U.S. BOND INDEXES	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	1MO	3MO	1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	LOW
Broad market Lehman	2.28	0.04	▲	▼	-0.13	2.51	2.06
Triple-A corporate Moody's	3.80	0.06	▼	▼	-0.83	4.65	3.70
Corp. Inv. Grade Lehman	3.15	0.05	▲	▲	-0.05	3.28	2.81
Municipal Bond Buyer	4.30	0.01	▼	▼	-0.83	5.15	4.25
U.S. high yield Barclays	6.77	-0.07	▲	▲	1.06	7.30	4.83
Treasury Barclays	1.92	0.10	▲	▼	0.11	2.10	1.64

TREASURYS	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	1MO	3MO	1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	LOW
3-month T-Bill	0.03	0.00	▲	▲	-0.03	0.08	
6-month T-Bill	0.10	0.01	▲	▲	0.02	0.11	0.03
52-week T-Bill	0.24	0.06	▲	▲	0.11	0.24	0.07
2-year T-Note	0.64	0.10	▲	▲	0.27	0.65	0.29
5-year T-Note	1.65	0.14	▲	▼	0.01	1.83	1.34
10-year T-Note	2.16	0.08	▼	▼	-0.77	3.03	2.06
30-year T-Bond	2.75	0.01	▼	▼	-1.16	3.94	2.69

Money fund data provided by iMoneyNet Inc.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar climbed against other currencies, including the Japanese yen and British pound. It is close to its highest level against the euro since the summer of 2012.

MAJORS	CLOSE	CH.	%CH.	6MO.	1YR.
USD per British Pound	1.5636	-.0034	-.22%	1.7042	1.6372
Canadian Dollar	1.1597	-.0001	-.01%	1.0823	1.0661
USD per Euro	1.2225	-.0058	-.47%	1.3608	1.3657
Japanese Yen	119.51	+.70	+.59%	101.94	104.16
Mexican Peso	14.6034	+.0176	+.12%	13.0119	13.0104
EUROPE/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST					
Israeli Shekel	3.9282	-.0101	-.26%	3.4412	3.5141
Norwegian Krone	7.3724	-.0344	-.47%	6.1195	6.1522
South African Rand	11.5631	-.0132	-.11%	10.7237	10.4126
Swedish Krona	7.7413	+.0346	+.45%	6.6925	6.6023
Swiss Franc	.9842	+.0042	+.43%	.8943	.8983
ASIA/PACIFIC					
Australian Dollar	1.2281	+.0022	+.18%	1.0636	1.1292
Chinese Yuan	6.2193	+.0070	+.11%	6.2292	6.0714
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7539	-.0020	-.03%	7.7505	7.7537
Indian Rupee	63.295	+.305	+.48%	60.145	62.160
Singapore Dollar	1.3145	+.0004	+.03%	1.2497	1.2669
South Korean Won	1099.84	+.05	+.00%	1019.96	1061.05
Taiwan Dollar	31.52	+.11	+.35%	30.04	30.00

Commodities

The price of oil jumped 4.5 percent to settle above $56 per barrel, its biggest gain since August 2012. Oil, though, remains well below the $108 that it commanded during the summer.

FUELS	CLOSE	PVS.	%CH.	%YTD
Crude Oil (bbl)	56.52	54.11	+4.45	-42.6
Ethanol (gal)	1.62	1.64	-0.43	-15.5
Heating Oil (gal)	1.96	1.94	+1.21	-36.2
Natural Gas (mm btu)	3.46	3.64	-4.89	-18.1
Unleaded Gas (gal)	1.56	1.53	+2.11	-44.0
METALS	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CH.**	**%YTD**
Gold (oz)	1195.90	1194.70	+0.10	-0.5
Silver (oz)	15.99	15.89	+0.61	-17.3
Platinum (oz)	1197.00	1197.10	-0.01	-12.7
Copper (lb)	2.91	2.87	+1.24	-15.5
Palladium (oz)	805.10	792.15	+1.63	+12.2
AGRICULTURE	**CLOSE**	**PVS.**	**%CH.**	**%YTD**
Cattle (lb)	1.61	1.59	+1.29	+19.5
Coffee (lb)	1.75	1.74	+0.20	+57.8
Corn (bu)	4.11	4.11	-0.12	-2.7
Cotton (lb)	0.61	0.61	+0.12	-28.1
Lumber (1,000 bd ft)	340.60	339.70	+0.26	-5.4
Orange Juice (lb)	1.43	1.45	-1.86	+4.6
Soybeans (bu)	10.31	10.35	-0.43	-21.5
Wheat (bu)	6.32	6.55	-3.51	+4.5

Best Stocks One Month

BEST LARGE-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Talisman Energy	TLM	7.85	+83.0	**+26.4**	-29.6	22	...
Staples Inc	SPLS	17.55	+6.6	**+24.9**	+16.0	29	2.7
CarMax Inc	KMX	67.32	+15.5	**+20.0**	+15.3	29	...
Biogen Idec Inc	BIIB	360.67	+4.7	**+18.8**	+26.0	34	...
American Airlines Gp	AAL	50.71	+1.5	**+17.1**	+91.9	dd	0.8
China Life Ins Co	LFC	53.97	+6.4	**+17.0**	+13.7	...	2.4
United Contl Hldgs	UAL	64.14	+0.1	**+15.9**	+72.3	19	...
Huaneng Power	HNP	53.58	+7.6	**+15.0**	+49.3	...	4.6
Mallinckrodt plc	MNK	99.52	+5.1	**+14.4**	+87.6	...	...
Royal Caribn	RCL	80.59	+3.4	**+14.4**	+79.8	25	1.5
Palo Alto Networks	PANW	124.36	+5.3	**+14.2**	+117.8	dd	...
Skyworks Solution	SWKS	72.70	+5.2	**+13.0**	+162.9	31	0.7
Norwegian Cruise Ln	NCLH	46.86	+7.0	**+12.0**	...	24	...
Wstn Digital	WDC	113.88	+7.8	**+12.0**	+38.6	18	1.4
Fidelity Natl Fincl	FNF	33.78	+4.2	**+11.3**	+33.2	33	2.2

BEST MID-CAP STOCKS

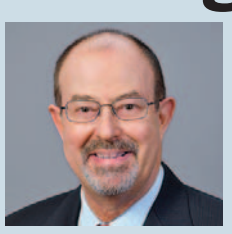
COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Bluebird Bio Inc	BLUE	92.00	+0.8	**+122.7**	+344.5	dd	...
Auspex Pharma	ASPX	53.37	+114.3	**+116.0**	...	...	...
OvaScience Inc	OVAS	47.85	+46.3	**+96.5**	+372.3	dd	...
Tetraphase Pharm	TTPH	37.48	+18.7	**+69.7**	+212.8	dd	...
Spansion Inc	CODE	33.11	+5.7	**+54.0**	+150.8	dd	...
Avalanche Biotechnol	AAVL	51.56	+2.1	**+48.8**	...	...	...
PTC Therapeutics Inc	PTCT	56.69	+1.5	**+42.5**	+189.3	dd	...
Cypress Semi	CY	14.33	+5.1	**+37.0**	+44.1	30	3.1
Relypsa Inc	RLYP	32.03	-1.3	**+35.1**	+14.2	...	...
Cubist Pharma	CBST	98.67	+2.5	**+34.1**	+48.9	cc	...
Sangamo BioSci Inc	SGMO	15.36	-7.1	**+31.6**	+24.7	dd	...
Hawaiian Holdings	HA	23.78	+0.5	**+30.6**	+165.7	20	...
Neurocrine Biosci	NBIX	24.49	+11.5	**+29.2**	+159.2	dd	...
Isis Phrm	ISIS	65.09	+4.4	**+27.8**	+52.4	dd	...
Synageva BioPharma	GEVA	95.46	+4.6	**+27.7**	+44.3	dd	...

BEST SMALL-CAP STOCKS

COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	%CHG 1WK	%CHG 1MO	%RTN 1YR	PE	YLD
Calithera Bioscience	CALA	27.93	-6.4	**+185.0**	...	...	...
Sorrento Therapeut	SRNE	8.50	+46.6	**+118.5**	+0.2	...	...
Frontline Ltd	FRO	2.61	+16.0	**+93.3**	-20.6	dd	...
Advaxis Inc	ADXS	5.61	+48.4	**+90.2**	+16.8	...	...
Alder BioPharm	ALDR	28.54	+12.9	**+81.8**	...	...	...
La Jolla Pharm	LJPC	20.15	+45.9	**+80.1**	+139.6	dd	...
Actuate Corp	BIRT	6.55	+0.2	**+79.9**	-10.8	dd	...
Amer Apparel	APP	1.07	+86.1	**+71.2**	-9.1	dd	...
Retrophin Inc	RTRX	13.81	+36.5	**+67.6**	+92.6	dd	...
Five Prime Therap	FPRX	25.89	+17.0	**+64.4**	+53.1	dd	...
Prosensa Hldg NV	RNA	18.78	+0.1	**+64.2**	+286.4	...	...
Idera Pharmaceutical	IDRA	4.12	+7.3	**+64.1**	+21.2	dd	...
Volcano Corp	VOLC	17.88	+51.1	**+59.4**	-16.9	dd	...
Celladon Corp	CLDN	18.61	+7.9	**+58.4**	...	dd	...
Xencor Inc	XNCR	16.62	+41.1	**+56.9**	+89.5	dd	...

Bond strategy

Insider Q&A



David Wright

Title: Co-founder of Sierra Investment Management

His outlook: Don't be surprised if Treasurys and other bonds gain more ground.

Follow the financial media and you're bound to hear someone predicting trouble in the bond market. But it won't be David Wright, co-founder of Sierra Investment Management.

Wright argues that the benefits of holding U.S. government bonds, Treasurys, compensate for their very low yields. He says that bond prices could go even higher and yields even lower.

For years now, people have been saying that long-term interest rates will soon climb and cause steep bond losses. What do you think?
We've never bought into that. It has been the myth spouted by all the talking heads on CNBC. The right attitude is to be agnostic. If there were anybody on the planet who could predict the turning point for the bond market, we would all know their name. Zero people have ever been able to do that. Our attitude is to be agnostic as to when the next turning point comes.

Has this shaped how you manage investments?
In our view, it's smart to have a larger than normal allocation to Treasury bonds and other high-grade bonds – more than 40 percent, given our outlook for the stock market.

Treasurys are unique investments. People around the world believe they're immune from default, and I believe that, too. U.S. Treasury bonds are pretty much the only investment on the planet that academics and analysts think has zero default risk. There's a trust that, despite everything, the U.S. government will pay its debts.

Aren't you making a big sacrifice by putting so much in Treasurys that pay 2 percent?
The conventional wisdom is that bonds are the cream in the coffee, and equities are the coffee. That's not how we see it.

Of course Treasury yields are very low. Therefore, there's this clamor that you need to find something else. What that has created over time is an overloved, overvalued stock market. It can't go on forever.

But let's say you believe that stocks are going to outperform. Why not put 100 percent of your money in the S&P 500? The first answer is that there are long spans of time where you make zero holding stocks. The second is that you know the stock market, the S&P 500, is going to fluctuate substantially. Bonds give you some protection from that.

Interest rates are bound to creep higher at some point. Bonds will necessarily fall.
Sure. But bonds can also rise in value, even from here. If the 10-year rate drops another 75 basis points, people holding 10-year Treasurys are going to make a lot of money.

Interviewed by Matthew Craft. Answers edited for clarity and length.

A look at 2014 in the business world

By PAN PYLAS and ANNE-MARIE BELGRAVE
Associated Press

LONDON — No one said the recovery from the global financial crisis would be easy and 2014 provided that in spades.

While the U.S. economy, the world's largest, is showing clear signs that its recovery is self-sustaining, the picture elsewhere is far less rosy entering 2015.

Concerns remain over the Chinese economy, the world's second-largest, while Japan, the No. 3, has fallen back into recession despite a raft of stimulus efforts. And in Europe, economic stagnation appears to be the new status quo despite the welcome news that Greece's savage six-year recession is over.

In the U.S., the Federal Reserve has called time on its monetary stimulus after six years and has hinted that it could start raising interest rates in 2015 from near zero percent. As a result, the dollar was in the ascendant on foreign exchange markets and Wall Street investors grew increasingly optimistic over the economic outlook – the S&P 500 index hit a series of record highs.

Firms also appeared to be caught up in the growing optimism. Following years of retrenchment that saw companies accumulate cash reserves, U.S. companies are once again taking risks. There were a number of headline-grabbing deals in 2014, including Facebook's $22 billion buyout of WhatsApp.

Elsewhere, the legacy of the global financial crisis remains, notably in Europe, where the European Central Bank is considering a larger, Fed-style stimulus to shore up the ailing economy of the 18-country eurozone and avoid a debilitating bout of deflation – falling prices can further weigh on growth.

Russia is one European economy that's ending 2014 in far worse shape than how it started the year. Following a collapse in oil prices and sanctions imposed on Russia for its actions in the Ukraine crisis, Russia is heading into recession and its currency, the ruble, has plunged.

For most of the rest of the world, the fall in oil prices to 5-year lows below $65 a barrel is an unexpected economic boon. Consumers are feeling the benefit at the pump almost immediately while businesses may have extra cash available to invest.

Richard Drew / AP

In this November file photo, traders David O'Day, left, and Christopher Fuchs, work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The withdrawal of the Federal Reserve stimulus failed to dampen the mood on Wall Street. Both the Dow Jones industrial average and the S&P 500 hit a series of all-time highs in 2014 amid growing confidence over the state of the US recovery.

Many factors were behind the oil price decline, including the slowdown in growth in China. Supply factors played a role too, with production growing in countries likes Iraq and Syria.

Despite the boon from lower oil prices, developing economies had a volatile year. Many of their markets were roiled ahead of the Fed ending its stimulus – since much of the money created by the stimulus had been funneled by investors into high-yielding developing markets. That market turbulence is likely to persist next year, too.

Hopes, fears, doubts surround Cuba's oil future

By JENNIFER KAY and JONATHAN FAHEY
Associated Press

MIAMI — One of the most prolific oil and gas basins on the planet sits just off Cuba's northwest coast, and the thaw in relations with the United States is giving rise to hopes that Cuba can now get in on the action.

It's a prospect welcomed by Cubans desperate for economic growth yet deeply concerning for environmentalists and the tourism industry in the region.

But a Cuban oil boom is unlikely anytime soon even if restrictions on U.S. businesses are relaxed because of low oil prices and far better drilling opportunities elsewhere.

"(Cuba) is not going to be the place where operators come rolling in," says Bob Fryklund, chief strategist for oil and gas exploration and production at the analysis firm IHS.

Although Cuba's oil and gas industry has long been open to foreign investment, the U.S. embargo has denied it some of the world's best deep-water drilling technology and expertise. As a result, Cuba produces just 55,000 barrels of oil per day. About one-third of that is produced by a Canadian firm called Sherritt International.

Cuba needs 155,000 barrels per day, and it fills the gap with oil from Venezuela, part of a trade agreement established under former Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez. By comparison, a single large oil platform in the deep water U.S. Gulf of Mexico can produce 200,000 barrels per day.

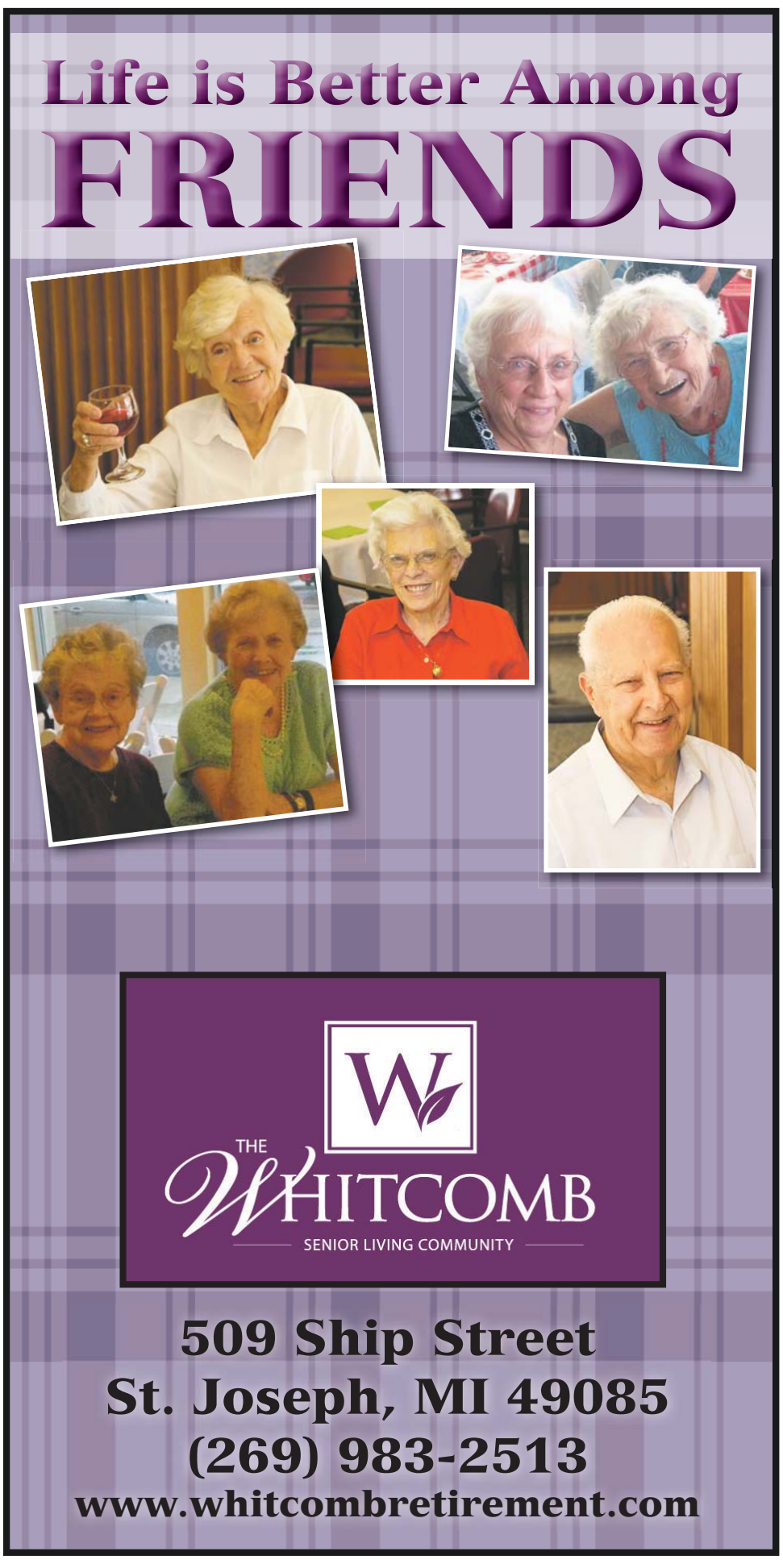
The few major exploration projects in Cuba in recent years have had little success. Most recently, the Spanish company Repsol abandoned a yearslong exploration project in 2012 when an offshore exploratory well failed to find much oil.

Fryklund says that U.S. oil services firms, which have been prevented from working in Cuba, could provide technology to operators in Cuba to help increase production somewhat. Also, U.S. refiners could find a new market in Cuba for gasoline and diesel or refining technology. Cuba has been struggling to find a partner to finance an upgrade an expansion of its largest refinery, in Cienfuegos.

But a factor that helped push Cuba to seek closer ties with the United States also could impede major oil exploration there: low oil prices.

A plunge of nearly 50 percent in the global price of oil has crushed the oil-dependent economies of Venezuela and Russia, threatening aid from Cuba's biggest benefactors.

"None of Cuba's friends have the financial capability to throw a safety net or a safety line to Cuba," says Jorge Pinon, former Amoco Oil Latin America president now at the University of Texas. Cuba suffered enormously when foreign aid dried up after the fall of the Soviet Union, and it wants to avoid similar economic pain now that Venezuelan aid is uncertain.



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Lions take on reeling Bears

Playoff-bound Lions look to better postseason position with win in Chicago

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
AP Sports Writer

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — All Ndamukong Suh wanted to do was live in the moment and not focus on the big goals that are in reach for the Lions.

Detroit has already clinced a playoff berth heading into today's game against the Chicago Bears — due to a Philadelphia loss to Washington on Saturday — and a division title and first-round bye are also a possibility.

"I think you just have to understand that when you take care of the small things, the big things come," Suh said. "I've always been about a person that is focused on what I need to get done, the process and understanding that and knowing that everything else should come.

"When the opportunities are presented to you, you just take them with open arms and run with them. So, as long as you take care of the process and understand what you need to get done, usually everything falls in order for you."

Everything has been falling into place for the Lions (10-4), with three straight wins, and they're about to face a team that's reeling.

Things are so bad for the Bears (5-9) that they announced a quarterback change, with Jay Cutler benched in favor of Jimmy Clausen.

Detroit, on the other hand, has a chance to lock up a playoff spot for just the second time in 15 years.

Even if the Lions don't win Sunday's game, they could reach the playoffs with some help. A tie coupled with Philadelphia losing to or tying Washington on Saturday or an Eagles loss would do the trick.

The NFC North title, the Lions' first division crown since 1993, would happen if they beat the Bears and Green Bay loses to Tampa Bay.

And a victory combined with losses by Green Bay and Dallas would lock up a first-round bye for Detroit.

These are big steps even if nine of the Lions' 10 wins are against teams that are currently .500 or below.

Detroit had posted back-to-back losing records after making the playoffs in 2011 and has an 0-16 season (2008) in its not-too-distant

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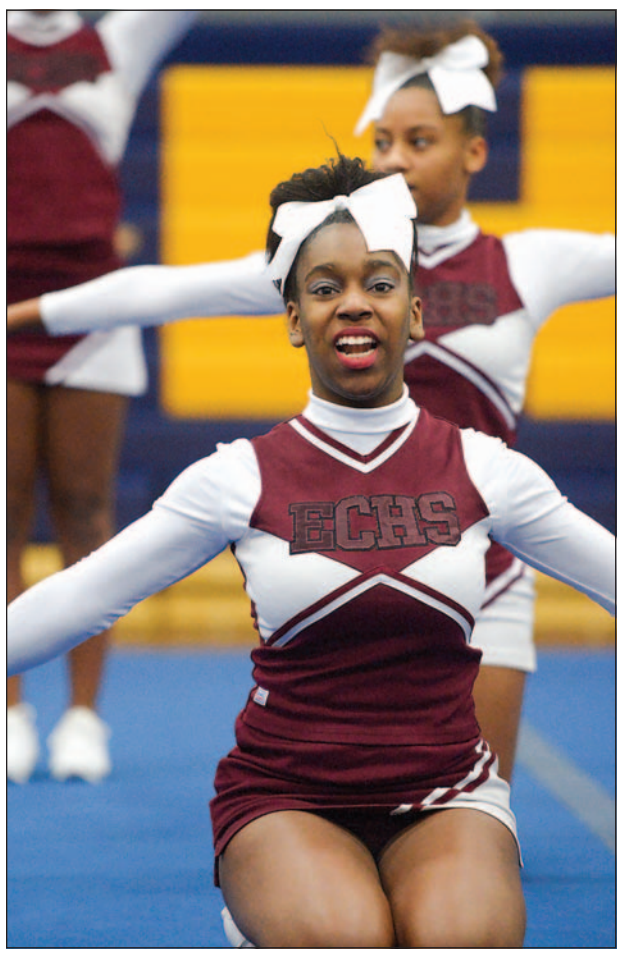
Jody Warner / HP correspondent

The St. Joseph competitive cheer team team performs a routine during heer By The Pier I at St. Joseph High School on Saturday.

A great day for Cheer by the Pier



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Sabrina Ross of the Eau Claire competitive cheerteam cheers during Cheer By The Pier I at St. Joseph High School on Saturday.

Jody Warner / HP correspondent

The Lakeshore competitive cheer team waits to perform their final routine during Cheer By The Pier I at St. Joseph High School on Saturday.

MSU stunned at home

By NOAH TRISTER
AP Sports Writer

EAST LANSING — Chris Thomas scored 22 points, and unheralded Texas Southern beat 25th-ranked Michigan State, outlasting the Spartans 71-64 in overtime Saturday.

Texas So. 71
Michigan St. 64

The Tigers (2-8) were coming off a 40-point loss to Gonzaga, but coach Mike Davis' team was poised throughout against Michigan State, becoming the second team this month to score a shocking win in Michigan over a Big Ten team. New Jersey Institute of Technology won at Michigan.

The Spartans (8-4) were without starting forward Branden Dawson, who fractured his wrist in a win over Eastern Michigan earlier in the week. Michigan State needed a free throw by Javon Bess with 6.8 seconds left in regulation just to force overtime, and the Spartans never led in the extra session.

The Spartans came into the game shooting 44 percent from 3-point range, but they went 4 of 21 against the Tigers of the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

The Tigers won the SWAC tournament last season to advance to the NCAA tournament, but they have endured predictable struggles against a tough nonconference schedule.

The Spartans struggled from the perimeter all game. They led 30-25 at halftime, and belief began to build on the Texas Southern bench when the Tigers tied it early in the second.

Texas Southern took a 53-52 lead on Jason Carter's 3-pointer with 1:26 remaining, and the Tigers were up one when Bess came up with an offensive rebound and was fouled in the final seconds of regulation. A freshman playing only his second game, Bess made one of two free throws to tie it at 55.

Al Goldis / AP

Michigan State's Marvin Clark Jr. (0) and Texas Southern's Nevin Johnson (24) reach for a rebound during the first half of Saturday's game.

Polian-Harbaugh combo could make Bears special again

David Haugh

If Chicago Bears Chairman George McCaskey has the slightest inkling 49ers coach Jim Harbaugh might have interest in reviving the team that drafted him in 1987, he needs to fire Marc Trestman first thing Monday morning.

Delaying the inevitable until the regular season ends risks losing Harbaugh, a remote possibility who ESPN reported Friday wants to see what head-coaching opportunities become available before deciding his future. Just in case, the Bears must force Harbaugh - the Bears' version of Cubs manager Joe Maddon -at least to consider what winning a Super Bowl in Chicago and bringing his football career full circle would do to his legacy. Consider that Plan A at Halas Hall.

Even without Harbaugh, any Bears' rebuilding plan should include moving on without general manager Phil Emery, who aligned himself with Trestman the day he hired him in January 2013. If one goes, both must go. Emery took over in 2012 with Lovie Smith in place, and former Bears GM Jerry Angelo inherited Dick Jauron in 2001. In both cases, not having a general manager and head coach in sync philosophically and on the same contract clock complicated matters. The Bears can't afford any more wasted seasons.

If Harbaugh chooses to go elsewhere as expected – Michigan, the Raiders or Dolphins – the Bears always can regroup and call Bill Polian for advice. Of all the men qualified for a role as consultant or czar – Mike Holmgren or Tony Dungy fit too – the architect of the 1990s Bills and Peyton Manning Era Colts makes the most sense. The McCaskeys consider Polian, 72, a longtime friend, and he remains plugged into the league as a TV and radio analyst. His assertive personality guarantees he would provide the frank and honest assessment the Bears organization needs.

A football guy like Polian also could oversee the hiring of an executive search firm to hire the next general manager. Those firms know the brightest available football executives better than anybody still on the Bears payroll Jan. 1. This search for a GM and coach cannot carry the experimental feel previous ones did. The Bears' next head coach should have NFL head-coaching experience, period. The next GM should have a pedigree from winning organizations.

Perhaps McCaskey should consider asking the fans for patience, a la Theo Epstein, and truly commit to rebuilding through the draft like the Bears never have tried. The next general manager should provide a blueprint similar to what works for the Seahawks and Ravens, two tough-minded, draft-driven teams built around defense and special teams. May the days of the Bears building everything around overpaid quarterbacks and wide receivers be over.

Because landing Harbaugh would cost high draft picks the Bears covet, that makes picking the right GM more imperative. Eagles vice president of player personnel Tom Gamble, who scouted for

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In brief

LMC women pull out win over Delta

Sabrina Trujillo scored 20 points and the Lake Michigan College women's basketball team held on for a 57-55 win over Delta College on Saturday.

The RedHawks (7-3) trailed at the half, but took the lead late in the second and held on by making their free throws.

"It was a battle," LMC coach Jason Cooper said. "It was one of those grind it out before Christmas type of games."

Trujillo led all scorers and also had five rebounds and two assists.

"She (Trujillo) is a 16-17 points a game type of player and she carries the load offensively for us," Cooper said.

Nicole Decker led LMC in rebounds with nine.

LMC men gets easy win over St. Clair

The Lake Michigan College men's basketball team took control early and coasted to a 72-63 over St. Clair on Saturday.

The RedHawks led by as many as 22 in the second half, and had four players score in double figures.

Montel Green led LMC (9-4) with 16 points with Darrell Ivy scoring 12, and Alec Brown and LaBradford Sebree each had 11.

LMC led by nine at halftime.

Connaughton, Notre Dame beat Purdue

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Pat Connaughton had 19 points and 14 rebounds, leading No. 21 Notre Dame over Purdue 94-63 Saturday in the Crossroads Classic.

Demetrius Jackson scored 22 points for the Irish (11-1).

Steve Vasturia and Austin Torres each contributed 11 for Notre Dame and Jerian Grant and Zach Auguste both added 10.

Purdue (8-4) led by eight early in the first half, but trailed 46-39 at the break.

Jon Octeus, Bryson Scott and A.J. Hammons all finished with 11 points for the Boilermakers.

W. Michigan falls to Northwestern

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Tre Demps scored 17 points and Northwestern beat Western Michigan 67-61 on Saturday afternoon.

Nathan Taphorn and Bryant McIntosh added 10 points apiece for the Wildcats, who rebounded from a loss to another MAC team, Central Michigan, on Wednesday.

Tucker Haymond scored 12 points and Connar Tava and David Brown added 11 apiece for the Broncos, who led by three at halftime.

Northwestern opened the second half on a 7-1 run to lead 32-29. The Wildcats took a 36-34 lead on Demps' layup and never trailed again.

The Wildcats took their biggest lead, 55-47, on Alex Olah's rebound basket with 3:52 remaining before Austin Richie made a 3.

Top-ranked Kentucky throttles UCLA

CHICAGO (AP) — Devin Booker had 19 points, and No. 1 Kentucky scored the game's first 24 points in an 83-44 victory over UCLA on Saturday.

Aaron Harrison added 15 points, and the Wildcats (12-0) handed the Bruins (8-4) one of their most-lopsided losses ever.

The Wildcats led 41-7 at the intermission, the lowest point total in a half for UCLA and the fewest by a UK opponent since 1943.

U-M continues to slide

Michigan loosing streak extends with home loss to SMU

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Larry Brown has had a lot of homes in a 40-year coaching career.

The state of Michigan is one of the special ones.

SMU 62 Michigan 51

Brown was in a sentimental mood after Southern Methodist beat slumping Michigan 62-51 on Saturday.

"Gosh, I love this place," he said. "This is a great school that has had teams like the Fab Five, and it is in a great state with such a fantastic basketball culture, especially when you talk about the city of Detroit."

Brown is the only coach to win NCAA and NBA titles, and both of them saw key moments happen in Michigan. In 1988, Kansas won the Midwest Regional at the Pontiac Silverdome on its way to the national championship, and in 2004, Brown and the Detroit Pistons won his only pro title.

Saturday, though, he was just glad to have gotten a second chance at Ann Arbor, nearly 30 years after the Jayhawks lost to Michigan in his only other visit.

"I thanked Coach (John) Beilein, because this isn't the type of game that a Big Ten game has to schedule," he said. "We're trying to play at this level, so it means the world for our team and our school to not only play Michigan, but have them agree to come back to our place next year. He didn't have to do any of that."

It worked out well for the Mustangs (8-3), who got 19 points from Yanick Moreira and 17 from Nic Moore.

The Wolverines (6-5) have lost four straight, including three at home, and only have one more non-conference game before Big Ten play starts. Zak Irvin led Michigan with 17 points, while freshman Mark Donnal added 13.

"This is tough for our kids, because most of them went to great high schools, and we haven't had a lot of losing streaks here," Beilein said. "We gave ourselves a chance to win this game, but we have to learn how to finish them off."

Michigan was only down three at the half, went cold at the start of the second half, making just one of its first nine shots to fall behind by double digits. Caris LeVert ended the drought with his first basket of the game, and when the Wolverines scored the next seven points, they were back within 39-38.

Derrick Walton Jr.'s 3-pointer gave the Wolverines their first lead since 2-0, but Michigan went cold again down the stretch, missing nine of 10 shots to allow SMU to pull away.

"We missed too many shots and we had too many turnovers," said LeVert, who finished with four points on 1-of-8 shooting.

Tony Ding / AP

Michigan guard Zak Irvin, left, and guard Spike Albrecht, right, contest for a rebound with Southern Methodist forward Ben Moore, center, in the first half of Saturday's game.

"There are going to be days where you don't shoot well, but you can't keep turning it over."

Brown was thrilled with his team's effort, especially on LeVert.

"I thought we were great defensively all game," he said. "That kid is someone that I hear about all the time from my friends in the NBA, so to hold him to 1-for-8 is really a big accomplishment."

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MUSTANGS: The Mustangs were bolstered by the return of Markus Kennedy, their star post player who sat out the first semester after being ruled academically ineligible. He finished with five points and three rebounds in 10 minutes.

"He's got nine days to get back into game shape, and he's going to need it," Brown said. "But he did a nice job when he was out there tonight."

WOLVERINES: A student nearly won $10,000 at halftime. He had to make a layup, free throw, 3-pointer and half-court shot in 25 seconds, and appeared to do it, but a replay showed that his final shot came about a half-second too late. He was later awarded $1,000 after numerous protests on social media.

Big moves bring hope for Chicago baseball

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — As the cranes and trucks hummed just beyond the chain-link fence along Waveland Avenue, Erika Pflederer stopped to take it all in.

She could see the exposed back of Wrigley Field's brick outfield wall and the grandstand seats with the bleachers torn out. In the transformation of the famous ballpark she sees a change for the better for the Chicago Cubs, too.

"I think it's insanely exciting," says Pflederer, a longtime Cubs fan. "It finally feels like we're on the verge of really trying to accomplish (something big). We've all said maybe someday, maybe next year. It feels like we're finally on the verge or really making it happen."

It's not just Cubs fans who are thinking big. So are the White Sox faithful.

North Side and South Side, there's a big baseball buzz in Chicago. Both teams have made sweeping changes after 73-win seasons and sent enthusiasm soaring.

The Cubs brought in one of the game's best managers in Joe Maddon in October and landed top starter Jon Lester with a six-year, $155 million deal during baseball's winter meetings this month. In the process they made it clear that they are serious about bringing home a championship.

The White Sox, not to be outdone, added a front-line starter who grew up rooting for them in Jeff Samardzija and closer David Robertson to a pitching staff that already includes All-Star Chris Sale. They gave their lineup a boost, too, bringing in Melky Cabrera and Adam LaRoche to help support AL Rookie of the Year Jose Abreu.

"I loved every move they have made this off-season," said Craig Coleman of Chicago, a White Sox fan since the late 1970s.

There's hope that his favorite team is poised to make a move after enduring 188 losses the past two years and that the Cubs are ready to put five straight losing seasons behind them, not to mention a certain title drought.

The last time they won it all in 1908, Teddy Roosevelt was in the White House. But with the revamped roster and Wrigley Field finally getting its makeover after years of wrangling with the city and neighboring rooftop owners, the team's fans might have to do a double take once the baseball caps replace the hard hats.

Besides the different faces on the field, they will see new, expanded bleacher sections in left and right field along with video boards and outfield signs. It's the first phase of a four-year, $575 million that will overhaul a stadium that just completed its 100th season and bring a hotel to the neighborhood.

The moves made by the two baseball teams could not have come at a better time for Chicago fans. After all, the NFL's Bears are in a complete meltdown even if the NBA's Bulls and NHL's Blackhawks are not.

"I think it's exciting," said Theo Epstein, the Cubs president of baseball operations who has been busy since he was hired in October 2011. "Chicago baseball hasn't been what it should be the last few years and with both teams taking a big step forward this winter, it only benefits Chicago baseball fans."

Airwaves

Television today

8:30 a.m. (NBCSports) **English Premier League Soccer** Newcastle United FC vs Sunderland AFC. (Live)
11:00 a.m. (NBCSports) **English Premier League Soccer** Liverpool FC vs Arsenal FC. (Live)
1:00 p.m. (3) (22) **NFL Football** Kansas City Chiefs at Pittsburgh Steelers. (Live) (CC)
(17) (28) (32) **NFL Football** Detroit Lions at Chicago Bears. (Live) (CC)
(ESPN) **PBA Bowling** Viper Championship. From Las Vegas. (Taped) (CC)
2:00 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** Creighton at North Texas. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **Skiing** U.S. Grand Prix. From Copper Mountain, Colo. (Taped) (CC)
(ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** Kentucky at Duke. (Live)
3:30 p.m. (NBCSports) **Football** Youth National Championship. (Live)
4:00 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **Figure Skating** ISU Grand Prix Final. From Barcelona, Spain. (Taped)
4:25 p.m. (2) (3) (22) **NFL Football** Indianapolis Colts at Dallas Cowboys. (Live) (CC)
5:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **Women's College Basketball** Connecticut vs. UCLA. (Live)
6:00 p.m. (FoxDetroit) **NHL Hockey** Colorado Avalanche at Detroit Red Wings. (Live)
7:00 p.m. (9B) **NHL Hockey** Toronto Maple Leafs at Chicago Blackhawks. (Live)
8:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **2014 World Series of Poker APAC** From Melbourne, Australia. (Taped)
8:20 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **NFL Football** Seattle Seahawks at Arizona Cardinals. (Live) (CC)

Monday

2:00 p.m. (ESPN) **College Football** Miami Beach Bowl — BYU vs. Memphis. (Live)
3:00 p.m. (NBCSports) **English Premier League Soccer** Stoke City FC vs Chelsea FC. (Live)
6:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Miami (Ohio) at Ohio State. (Live)

7:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Kansas at Temple. (Live)
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8:00 p.m. (Bigten) **College Basketball** Coppin State at Michigan. (Live)
(Csnch) **NBA Basketball** Toronto Raptors at Chicago Bulls. (Live)
8:15 p.m. (ESPN) **NFL Football** Denver Broncos at Cincinnati Bengals. (Live)
9:00 p.m. (ESPN2) **College Basketball** Wisconsin at California. (Live) (CC)
(FoxDetroit) **College Basketball** North Dakota at Marquette. (Live)
(FS1) **College Basketball** Miami at Providence. (Live) (CC)

Radio today

1 p.m.
NFL — Lions at Bears (WSJM-AM, 1400; WCSY-FM, 103.7; WBBM-AM, 780).
7 p.m.
NHL — Maple Leafs at Blackhawks (WGN-AM, 720)
8:30 p.m.
NFL — Seahawks at Cardinals (WSCR-AM, 670)

Monday

6 p.m.
College basketball — The Citadel at Michigan State (WCSY-FM, 103.7)
8 p.m.
College basketball — Coppin State at Michigan (WSJM-AM, 1400)
NBA — Raptors at Bulls (WMVP-AM, 1000)

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Adult fitness classes: YMCA adult fitness classes can be joined at any time. Aerobic classes include Step Cardio, Tabata Boot Camp, Interval Blast, Kickbox Cardio, Dance It Out and Zumba. Strength classes include Abs and More, Body Pump, Body Sculpting and Core Challenge. Mind/body classes include Barre Trilogy, Mind/Body Balance, Pilates, Tai Chi and Yoga. Older adult classes include Zumba Gold, Gentle Yoga and Sit & Be Fit.

Aqua fitness classes: Three low intensity and five medium/high intensity programs are offered. Aqua fitness punch cards are available, with 10 punches for $45.

Racquetball private lessons: Lessons with racquetball coordinator Clint Thompson are available. Cost is $25 for two lessons.

Y-Play Basketball: This youth-oriented program is designed to be an introduction to basketball. Program includes teaching fundamentals and teamwork. Grades K-3 meet from 9:15-10:15 a.m. on Saturdays; grades 4-8 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. (participants are divided into age-appropriate groups). Cost is $58 for non-members (register by Monday).

Adult racquetball league: Three leagues are offered, based upon ability. Registration is open until Jan. 2. For more information, contact Clint Thompson at 428-9622. Cost is $25 for members, $40 for non-members.

Adult volleyball league: Three leagues are offered, based upon ability. Leagues run Jan. 13-April 14. Cost is $17 for members, $37 for non-members.

Lifeguard training: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 29-31. Cost is $200 for members, $250 for non-members. Call 428-9622 to register.

For more information on any YMCA programs, go to www.bhsjymca.org, stop by at 3665 Hollywood Road, or call 428-9622.

Twin City Baseball and Softball Club

Holiday Baseball Clinic: Dec. 26-28 at Twin City Baseball and Softball Club on M-139 in St. Joseph. Noon-2 p.m. for ages 7-9, 2-4 p.m. for ages 10-12. Each day includes one hour of hitting and one hour of fielding and throwing. Cost is $75. For more information or to sign up, go to www.twincitybaseballsoftball.com, call 932-1000, or email twincitybaseballsoftball@gmail.com.

South Shore Health & Racquet Club

TRX classes: Tuesdays, 9 a.m., and Thursdays, 9:45 a.m. Punch cards are available, which include 10 classes for $7 per class.

Pickleball: Open to the public Friday and Saturday mornings from 9-11 a.m. Cost is $2 for members, $6 for non-members or $10 for non-member couple. A limited number of racquets are available to borrow.

Water fitness classes: Classes offered include Aqua Yoga, Maximum Liquid, Body Call Back and Senior Splash. Punch cards are available which include 10 classes at $6 per class.

For more information or to register for any South Shore classes, call 429-2101.

The local sports calendar appears twice weekly in The Herald-Palladium. Submit items for the local sports calendar to sports@TheHP.com or fax to 429-4392.

Jody Warner / HP correspondent

A line of cheerleader bows seen during Cheer By The Pier 1 at St. Joseph High School on Saturday.

High school scoreboard

Wrestling

Allendale Inv.

Team scores — 1. Allendale (5-0), 2. Lakewood (4-1), 3. Lakeshore (3-2), 4. Buchanan (2-3)

Undefeated wrestlers — Austin Franco (Lakeshore) (112), Noah Hannau (Lakeshore) (145), Matt Strozewski (Buchanan) (125), Colin Wheetley (Buchanan) (140).

4-1 wrestlers — Aaron Spear (Lakeshore) (160), Bryce Robinson (Lakeshore) (285), Issac Weir (Lakeshore) (215), Jaylon Green (Lakeshore) (171), Cody Carlisle (Lakeshore) (130).

3-2 wrestlers — Adam Eger (Buchanan) (130).

Note — Colin Wheetley earned his 100th career victory.

South Haven Inv.

Team records — Watervliet 4-0.

Undefeated wrestlers — Watervliet: Dylan Lynch, Reese Jones, Pat Lynch, Jake Speck, Brad Yazel, Jordan Jobe

3-1 wrestlers — Watervliet: Klayton Marshall, David Curl.

Gull Lake Inv.

Team records — Dowagiac 2-2-1

Undefeated wrestlers — Dowagiac: Tristan Howard (285).

Hockey

Friday's results

LSJ Warriors 5 Valparaiso Vikings 1

First Period

Valpo: Walters (Yetsko, Rogers) 12:49

LSJ: Osborn (Breyen) 5:16

Third Period

LSJ: Breyen (Osborn, C. Hoffman) 10:41

LSJ: C. Hoffman (Reits, Robinson) 9:08

LSJ: C. Hoffman (Robinson) 8:18

LSJ: C. Hoffman (Breyen, Osborn) 0:51

Saves: LSJ 12 (Pazera), Valpo 37 (Stutesman)

Saturday's results

LSJ Warriors 0 SB St. Joseph 0

Saves: LSJ 26 (Schiff), SB St. Joseph 22 (Regnery)

Boys basketball

BENTON HARBOR 91, DETROIT OSBORN 87 OT

BENTON HARBOR (91)

Curtis Dawson 8 14-20 30, Ray Anderson 5 0-0 11, Jaton Gunn 7 7-9 24, Willie Wilson 2 0-0 6, Malik Hall 5 3-4 13, Tommie Miller 2 3-3 7. Totals: 29 27-36 91.

DETROIT OSBORN (87)

J. Hait 2 0-1 5, DeAndres May 3 7-8 15, Nikeen Meachemt 8 5-6 22, DeJahal Johnson 2 2-4 6, Joseph Thomas 9 4-5 26. Totals: 29 14-24 87.

Benton Harbor	**18**	**22**	**26**	**14**	**9**	**— 91**
Detroit Osborn	**11**	**20**	**25**	**24**	**7**	**— 87**

3-point goals — BH 6 (Gunn 3), DO 6 (Thomas 4). Total fouls — BH 17, DO 20. Fouled out — BH: none; DO: Johnson, Thomas. Technical fouls — none.

Records — Benton Harbor 3-0.

Coloma Classic

FENNVILLE 59, COLOMA 44

FENNVILLE (59)

Cejhay Svay 4 0-0 9, Alex Overhiser 2 0-0 6, Tyus Grigg 3 0-0 6, Aaron Overhiser 10 4-6 26, John Alfaro 1 0-0 3, Mitchell Leonard 2 1-2 5, Julian Martinez-Grigg 2 0-0 4. Totals: 24 5-8 59.

COLOMA (44)

Rob Lawson 1 0-0 2, Caleb Hester 0 2-2 2, Auston Rushing 6 5-5 17, Chase Moxley 2 2-3 7, Brad Page 1 0-0 2, Jason Walter 3 4-4 10, Skyler Brown 2 0-0 4. Totals: 15 13-14 44.

Fennville	**15**	**18**	**12**	**14**	**—**	**59**
Coloma	**8**	**9**	**7**	**20**	**—**	**44**

3-point goals — Coloma 1 (Moxley), Fennville 6 (Al. Overhiser 2, Aar. Overhiser 2), Total fouls — Coloma 7, Fennville 14. Fouled out — Coloma: James Smith. Technical fouls — none.

Records — Coloma 2-3, Fennville 4-1.

OTSEGO 61, LAKESHORE 50

OTSEGO (61)

Chris Pearl 3 4-6 10, Soloman Barwegen 0 2-3 2, Jordan Owens 5 0-0 12, AJ Atwater 5 4-6 16, Billy Woodhams 2 0-0 5, Seth Dugan 4 5-8 14, Danny Nichols 1 0-0 2. Totals: 20 15-23 61.

LAKESHORE (50)

David Upton 1 0-0 2, Logan Steffes 5 0-0 14, Gibson Archer 1 0-0 2, Rubin Conway 1 0-0 2, Jimmy Gathright 6 1-2 15, Braden Burke 4 3-6 11, Max Gaishin 2 0-0 4. Totals: 20 4-8 50.

Otsego	**15**	**18**	**14**	**14**	**—**	**61**
Lakeshore	**10**	**8**	**15**	**17**	**—**	**50**

3-point goals — Otsego 6 (Owens 2, Atwater 2, Woodhams, Robinson), Lakeshore 6 (Steffes 4, Gathright 2). Total fouls — Otsego 10, Lakeshore 18. Technical fouls — none. Fouled out — none. Rebounds — Otsego 25 (Dugan 15), Lakeshore 25.

Records — Otsego 4-1, Lakeshore 3-1

Note: Due to deadline, a complete story from the Lakeshore-Otsego game was unavailable for the print edition of The HP. A story will appear in Monday's edition.

Jody Warner / HP Correspondent

The Lake Michigan Catholic competitive cheer team performs during Cheer By The Pier 1 at St. Joseph High School on Saturday.

Competitive cheer

Cheer By The Pier 1

Results of Saturday's Cheer by the Pier 1 at St. Joseph High School were unavailable at deadline.

Redskins upset Eagles, playoff bid in doubt

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles are just about done in the playoff race, and they're in no position to argue that they deserve any better.

Penalties, missed field goals, two more turnovers by Mark Sanchez and an inability to keep track of former teammate DeSean Jackson when it mattered turned into a 27-24 loss to the lowly Washington Redskins on Saturday night, the Eagles' third straight defeat and one that gives Dallas two chances to clinch the NFC East.

Sanchez's interception with 1:31 remaining led to Kai Forbath's winning 26-yard field goal with 5 seconds remaining as the Redskins (4-11) snapped a six-game losing streak.

The Eagles (9-6) will now focus their energies on rooting for the Indianapolis Colts to beat the Cowboys (10-4) on Sunday.

Philadelphia then would need to beat the New York Giants on the road next week, then hope that Dallas loses to the Redskins. That would create a 10-6 tie atop the NFC East, with the Eagles claiming first place because they hold the tiebreaker based on a better division record.

Philadelphia's loss clinched a playoff berth for the Detroit Lions.

Sanchez completed 37 of 50 passes for 374 yards with two touchdowns to Riley Cooper.

He lost his third fumble this season and threw his 10th interception.

Area schedule

Today

Hockey

Lakeshore-St. Joseph at Kalamazoo, 2:45 p.m.

Monday

Girls basketball

Benton Harbor at Loy Norrix Holiday Tournament, 3 p.m.

Tuesday

Girls basketball

Benton Harbor at Loy Norrix Holiday Tournament, 6 p.m.

Boys basketball

South Haven at Battle Creek Lakeview, 7 p.m.

Hockey

Lakeshore-St. Joseph Alumni at Lakeshore-St. Joseph Varsity, 7 p.m.

Friday

Boys basketball

Earl McKee Holiday Tournament (Benton Harbor): Bridgman vs. Paw Paw, 6; Benton Harbor vs. New Buffalo, 8

Saturday

Boys basketball

Bridgman, Paw Paw, New Buffalo at Earl McKee Holiday Tournament (Benton Harbor), 6 p.m.

Dowagiac at Kalamazoo Central

Wrestling

South Haven, Buchanan, Decatur at Comstock Inv., 9 a.m.

Coloma at Climax-Scotts, 9:15 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 29

Girls basketball

Watervliet at Bridgman Inv., 7:15 p.m.

Boys basketball

Countryside at Hartford, 7:30 p.m.

Brandywine at White Pigeon Holiday Inv.,

Tuesday, Dec. 30

Girls basketball

Eau Claire at Climax Scotts Quad, 2 p.m.

Watervliet at Bridgman Inv.

Boys basketball

Eau Claire at Climax Scotts, 3:30 p.m.

Coloma at Buchanan, 7 p.m.

Brandywine at White Pigeon Holiday Inv.

Countryside at Lawrence, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 1

Girls basketball

Coloma at Buchanan, 7:30 p.m.

Boys basketball

Covert at Dream Academy, 7:30 p.m.

Junior college basketball

Muskegon at Lake Michigan Catholic Women, 5:30 p.m.

Muskegon at Lake Michigan College Men, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 3

Girls basketball

Lou Harvey Great Lakes Classic (at Benton Harbor:

Brandywine vs. Robichaud, noon; South Bend Washington vs.Benton Harbor, 7:30 p.m.

Niles at Three Rivers, 7 p.m.

Michigan Lutheran at Mendon, 7:30 p.m.

Bridgman at River Valley, 7:30 p.m.

Boys basketball

Lakeshore at Edwardsburg, 4 p.m.

Michigan Lutheran at Illinois Lutheran, 6:30 p.m.

Wrestling

South Haven at Wyoming Inv., 9 a.m.

Cassopolis, Fennville, Hartford, New Buffalo, Watervliet at Berrien Springs Inv., 9 a.m.

Brandywine at Hillsdale Inv., 9 a.m.

Eau Claire at Union City, 9 a.m.

Bangor at Climax-Scotts, 9 a.m.

Lakeshore at Allendale Inv., 9:30 a.m.

Coloma, River Valley at Gobles Inv., 9:30 a.m.

Boys swimming

South Haven Inv., 9 a.m.

Competitive cheer

St. Joseph at Bulldog Inv., (at Grandville), 2 p.m.

Hockey

Lakeshore-St. Joseph at Kalamazoo,

Sunday, Jan. 4

Hockey

HSE at Lakeshore-St. Joseph, 10:50 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 5

Girls basketball

Bridgman at South Haven, 7:15 p.m.

New Buffalo at River Valley, 7:30 p.m.

Boys basketball

Brandywine at Lake Michigan Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

Competitive cheer

Cheer by the Pier 2 at St. Joseph, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

Girls basketball

Bloomingdale at Watervliet, 5:30 p.m.

Berrien Springs at Brandywine, 6:30 p.m.

Coloma at Lakeshore, 7 p.m.

Saugatuck at Hartford, 7 p.m.

Fennville at Lawrence, 7 p.m.

Bangor at Decatur, 7 p.m.

Three Rivers at St. Joseph, 7:15 p.m.

Lansing Everett at Benton Harbor, 7:15 p.m.

Dowagiac at Eau Claire, 7:30 p.m.

Buchanan at Lake Michigan Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

Boys basketball

Saugatuck at Hartford, 5:30 p.m.

Bangor at Decatur, 5:30 p.m.

Fennville at Lawrence, 5:30 p.m.

River Valley at Cassopolis, 6 p.m.

Rockford at South Haven, 7 p.m.

Bloomingdale at Watervliet, 7 p.m.

White Pigeon at Bridgman, 7 p.m.

Benton Harbor at Lansing Everett, 7:15 p.m.

St. Joseph at Three Rivers, 7:15 p.m.

Lakeshore at Coloma, 7:15 p.m.

Niles at Dowagiac, 7:15 p.m.

Berrien Springs at Buchanan, 7:15 p.m.

Eau Claire at Michigan Lutheran, 7:30 p.m.

Howardsville Christian at Lake Michigan Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

Dream Academy at New Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

Boys swimming

South Haven at Allegan, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Girls basketball

Delton Kellog at South Haven, 7:15 p.m.

Michigan Lutheran at New Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling

SMAC Quad a Gull Lake, 5 p.m.

Berrien Springs, Allegan at Otsego, 5:30 p.m.

Dowagiac, Paw Paw, Three Rivers at Sturgis, 6 p.m.

Coloma, South Haven at Vicksburg, 6 p.m.

Brandywine, New Buffalo at Mendon, 6 p.m.

Buchanan, Cassopolis, Eau Claire at River Valley, 6 p.m.

Decatur, Hartford, Marcellus at Watervliet, 6 p.m.

Bangor, Bloomingdale, Lawton at Gobles, 6 p.m.

Competitive cheer

SMAC Meet at Mattawan, 6 p.m.

Wolverine West Jamboree at Berrien Springs, 6 p.m.

Bangor, Buchanan, Lake Michigan Catholic at White Pigeon Inv., 6 p.m.

Junior college basketball

Lake Michigan Catholic Women at Ancilla, 5:30 p.m.

Lake Michigan College Men at Ancilla, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 8

Girls basketball

Buchanan at Bridgman, 7:30 p.m.

Boys basketball

Decatur at Marcellus, 5:30 p.m.

Michigan Lutheran at Lake Michigan Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

Boys swimming

St. Joseph at Lakeshore, 6 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 9

Girls basketball

Watervliet at Lawrence, 5:30 p.m.

St. Joseph at Benton Harbor, 5:45 p.m.

Lakeshore at Portage Northern 5:45 p.m.

Niles at Portage Central, 5:45 p.m.

Coloma at Paw Paw , 6 p.m.

Dowagiac at Edwardsburg, 6 p.m.

Berrien Springs at South Haven, 6 p.m.

River Valley at Grace Christian, 6 p.m.

Hartford at Lawton, 7 p.m.

Bangor at Bloomingdale, 7 p.m.

Decatur at Marcellus, 7 p.m.

Dream Academy at Eau Claire, 7:15 p.m.

Michigan Lutheran at Lake Michigan Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

Boys basketball

Hartford at Lawton, 5:30 p.m.

Bangor at Bloomingdale, 5:30 p.m.

Lakeshore at Portage Northern, 7 p.m.

Watervliet at Lawrence, 7 p.m.

St. Joseph at Benton Harbor, 7:15 p.m.

Niles at Portage Central, 7:15 p.m.

Coloma at Paw Paw, 7:15 p.m.

Dowgaic at Edwardsbug, 7:15 p.m.

Berrien Springs at South Haven, 7:15 p.m.

Bridgman at Buchanan, 7:30 p.m.

River Valley at Grace Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10

Girls basketball

Lakeshore at Mishawaka Penn, 5:45 p.m.

New Buffalo at Watervliet, 6 p.m.

Boys basketball

Eau Claire at Brandywine, 6:30 p.m.

Lawrence at Galesburg-Augusta, 7 p.m.

New Buffalo at Watervliet, 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Dowagiac at Gladwin Inv., 9 a.m.

Eau Claire, Hartford, New Buffalo at Parchment, 9 a.m.

Watervliet, Coloma, Niles at Fruitport Inv., 9 a.m.

South Haven, Allegan, Bloomingdale, Decatur, River Valley at Bangor Inv., 10 a.m.

Boys swimming

St. Joseph at Holland Christian Inv., 11 a.m.

Competitive cheer

St. Joseph at Brighton Inv., 10 a.m.

Eau Claire at Grand Haven Inv., noon

Bangor at Gull Lake Inv., noon

Junior college basketball

Lake Michigan Catholic Women at Jackson, 1 p.m.

Lake Michigan College Men at Jackson, 3 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 12

Girls basketball

Hartford at Cassopolis, 7:30 p.m.

Boys basketball

Lake Michigan Catholic at Buchanan, 7:30 p.m.

Michigan Lutheran at Grace Christian, 7:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Saturday's Scores
BOYS
Ann Arbor Huron 72, Westland John Glenn 53
Benton Harbor 91, Detroit Osborn 87
Detroit Community 57, Taylor Kennedy 47
Detroit Ford 71, Belleville 58
Fennville 59, Coloma 44
Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggett 48, Sandusky 40
Melvindale 49, Taylor Prep 36
North Farmington 69, Detroit Pershing 52
Okemos 58, Rockford 55
St. Joseph's Prep, Pa. 81, Detroit Christo Rey 35
Wayland 69, Concord, Ind. 50
West Bloomfield 67, Berkley 44
Wyoming Godwin Heights 64, Wayne Memorial 25
Saginaw Valley Tournament
Bay City Western 64, Linden 30
Davison 48, Madison Heights Bishop Foley 39
Flint Southwestern 80, Holly 75
Yale 77, Ypsilanti Arbor Prep 60
GIRLS
Carson City-Crystal 49, Reese 47

NFL

All Times EST
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	11	3	0	.786	442	280
Buffalo	8	6	0	.571	302	254
Miami	7	7	0	.500	327	301
N.Y. Jets	3	11	0	.214	230	360

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Indianapolis	10	4	0	.714	424	317
Houston	7	7	0	.500	324	277
Jacksonville	3	12	0	.200	232	389
Tennessee	2	13	0	.133	244	411

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	9	4	1	.679	311	289
Pittsburgh	9	5	0	.643	389	339
Baltimore	9	5	0	.643	376	267
Cleveland	7	7	0	.500	276	300

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Denver	11	3	0	.786	407	303
Kansas City	8	6	0	.571	322	254
San Diego	8	6	0	.571	303	294
Oakland	2	12	0	.143	213	381

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	10	4	0	.714	381	328
Philadelphia	9	6	0	.600	440	374
N.Y. Giants	5	9	0	.357	317	339
Washington	4	11	0	.267	284	394

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	364	374
Carolina	5	8	1	.393	288	358
Atlanta	5	9	0	.357	348	369
Tampa Bay	2	12	0	.143	254	367

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Detroit	10	4	0	.714	281	238
Green Bay	10	4	0	.714	436	325
Minnesota	6	8	0	.429	277	297
Chicago	5	9	0	.357	296	409

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Arizona	11	3	0	.786	287	244
Seattle	10	4	0	.714	339	242
San Francisco	7	7	0	.500	251	285
St. Louis	6	8	0	.429	291	297

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Thursday's Game
Jacksonville 21, Tennessee 13
Saturday's Games
Washington 27, Philadelphia 24
San Diego at San Francisco
Today's Games
Baltimore at Houston, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
New England at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at St. Louis, 4:05 p.m.
Buffalo at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.
Indianapolis at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
Seattle at Arizona, 8:30 p.m.
Monday's Game
Denver at Cincinnati, 8:30 p.m.

AFC Individual Leaders
Week 16
Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
P. Manning, DEN	516	346	4143	37	11
Roethlisberger, PIT	545	366	4415	29	8
Brady, NWE	531	342	3847	32	8
Luck, IND	578	355	4492	38	14
P. Rivers, SND	482	326	3639	27	13
Fitzpatrick, HOU	312	197	2483	17	8
Flacco, BAL	469	301	3479	23	9
Ale. Smith, KAN	419	272	2954	18	6
Tannehill, MIA	504	334	3390	22	11
K. Orton, BUF	375	239	2513	14	8

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
L. Bell, PIT	262	1278	4.88	81	7
Forsett, BAL	208	1128	5.42	52	8
A. Foster, HOU	230	1127	4.90	51	8
J. Charles, KAN	184	950	5.16	63t	9
Je. Hill, CIN	177	877	4.95	62	8
L. Miller, MIA	178	829	4.66	33	6
Ivory, NYJ	174	739	4.25	71t	6
C.. Anderson, DEN	148	679	4.59	26	4
Bernard, CIN	157	636	4.05	89t	5
Chr. Johnson, NYJ	135	613	4.54	47	1

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
An. Brown, PIT	115	1498	13.0	54t	11
Dem. Thomas, DEN	96	1389	14.5	86t	11
Edelman, NWE	92	972	10.6	69t	4
E. Sanders, DEN	89	1261	14.2	48	7
Hilton, IND	82	1345	16.4	73t	7
K. Allen, SND	77	783	10.2	35	4
Gronkowski, NWE	76	1093	14.4	46t	11
L. Bell, PIT	76	765	10.1	48	3
J. Landry, MIA	71	672	9.5	25	5
Jam. Jones, OAK	70	646	9.2	42	5

Punters

	No	Yds	LG	Avg
Anger, JAX	88	4168	69	47.4
McAfee, IND	59	2786	61	47.2
Huber, CIN	65	3060	69	47.1
Koch, BAL	46	2159	73	46.9
Lechler, HOU	69	3206	71	46.5
Fields, MIA	51	2361	60	46.3
Kern, TEN	81	3735	69	46.1
Ry. Allen, NWE	57	2623	67	46.0
Quigley, NYJ	72	3303	69	45.9
Scifres, SND	55	2516	72	45.7

Punt Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Edelman, NWE	24	294	12.3	84t	1
Ad. Jones, CIN	20	239	12.0	47	0
De'. Thomas, KAN	28	327	11.7	81t	1
J. Landry, MIA	23	204	8.9	32	0
McKelvin, BUF	21	183	8.7	24	0
An. Brown, PIT	28	235	8.4	36	0
Jac. Jones, BAL	28	230	8.2	33	0
Carrie, OAK	23	179	7.8	27	0
Burse, DEN	29	211	7.3	22	0
Whalen, IND	26	187	7.2	22	0

Kickoff Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Ad. Jones, CIN	19	596	31.4	97	0
Jac. Jones, BAL	27	835	30.9	108t	1
J. Landry, MIA	27	802	29.7	74	0
Kn. Davis, KAN	25	728	29.1	99t	1
Todman, JAX	37	939	25.4	40	0
Harvin, NYJ	19	476	25.1	65	0
L. Washington, TEN	26	598	23.0	50	0
L. Murray, OAK	19	429	22.6	38	0
Br. Tate, CIN	18	397	22.1	31	0

Scoring
Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
J. Charles, KAN	14	9	5	0	84
A. Foster, HOU	12	8	4	0	72
Ju. Thomas, DEN	12	0	12	0	72
An. Brown, PIT	11	0	11	0	68
Dem. Thomas, DEN	11	0	11	0	68
Gronkowski, NWE	11	0	11	0	66
L. Bell, PIT	10	7	3	0	60
Gates, SND	10	0	10	0	60
Forsett, BAL	8	8	0	0	50
D. Allen, IND	8	0	8	0	48

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Gostkowski, NWE	49-49	31-33	53	142
Vinatieri, IND	46-46	28-28	53	130
D. Carpenter, BUF	26-27	32-36	58	122
Tucker, BAL	39-39	27-32	55	120
Sturgis, MIA	33-33	28-34	53	117
Suisham, PIT	40-40	25-28	53	115
Bullock, HOU	36-36	24-29	55	108
Nugent, CIN	33-33	22-28	49	99
Novak, SND	34-34	21-24	52	97
Folk, NYJ	18-18	26-31	55	96

NFC Individual Leaders
Week 16
Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
A. Rodgers, GBY	458	293	3837	35	5
Romo, DAL	381	264	3188	28	8
Brees, NOR	574	402	4358	31	12
M. Ryan, ATL	541	356	4112	27	12
C. Palmer, ARI	224	141	1626	11	3
R. Wilson, SEA	396	248	2897	18	6
E. Manning, NYG	516	326	3590	26	13
Cutler, CHI	525	347	3640	28	18
M. Stafford, DET	522	321	3797	19	10
K. Cousins, WAS	204	126	1710	10	9

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
D. Murray, DAL	351	1687	4.81	51	11
M. Lynch, SEA	256	1133	4.43	33	10
L. McCoy, PHL	274	1132	4.13	53	4
A. Morris, WAS	232	948	4.09	30	7
Lacy, GBY	203	940	4.63	37	8
Forte, CHI	230	932	4.05	32	6
Ma. Ingram, NOR	199	869	4.37	31	7
Gore, SNF	204	804	3.94	28	3
R. Wilson, SEA	106	754	7.11	52	5
J. Bell, DET	197	726	3.69	57	6

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Ju. Jones, ATL	93	1428	15.4	79	6
G. Tate, DET	91	1224	13.5	73t	4
Forte, CHI	88	745	8.5	56	3
J. Nelson, GBY	83	1320	15.9	80t	12
G. Olsen, CAR	81	960	11.9	38	6
Ma. Bennett, CHI	81	857	10.6	37	6
D. Bryant, DAL	79	1148	14.5	68t	13
Maclin, PHL	78	1207	15.5	72	10
Jeffery, CHI	77	1027	13.3	74	9
Cobb, GBY	76	1076	14.2	70t	10

Punters

	No	Yds	LG	Avg
Way, WAS	70	3350	77	47.9
A. Lee, SNF	64	3021	71	47.2
Sa. Martin, DET	63	2951	71	46.8
Hekker, STL	71	3272	61	46.1
Morstead, NOR	51	2334	61	45.8
Weatherford, NYG	71	3237	71	45.6
Bosher, ATL	57	2596	66	45.5
C. Jones, DAL	51	2322	64	45.5
Masthay, GBY	44	1973	63	44.8
Nortman, CAR	65	2892	67	44.5

Punt Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Sproles, PHL	35	481	13.7	82t	2
Ginn Jr., ARI	24	255	10.6	71t	1
T. Austin, STL	32	330	10.3	78t	1
Sherels, MIN	26	266	10.2	35	0
Dw. Harris, DAL	25	234	9.4	38	0
J. Ross, DET	28	248	8.9	28	0
B. Walters, SEA	24	200	8.3	21	0
Beckham Jr., NYG	21	171	8.1	25	0
B. Ellington, SNF	20	154	7.7	23	0
Roberts, WAS	26	193	7.4	37	0

Kickoff Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
B. Cunningham, STL	28	800	28.6	75	0
B. Ellington, SNF	21	543	25.9	38	0
C. Patterson, MIN	32	824	25.8	51	0
J. Ross, DET	18	458	25.4	36	0
Dw. Harris, DAL	28	687	24.5	42	0
Hester, ATL	40	972	24.3	48	0
Ch. Williams, CHI	24	579	24.1	101t	1
S. Patton, TAM	18	416	23.1	28	0
Roberts, WAS	24	554	23.1	45	0

Scoring
Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
M. Lynch, SEA	14	10	4	0	84
D. Bryant, DAL	13	0	13	0	78
Lacy, GBY	12	8	4	0	72
J. Nelson, GBY	12	0	12	0	72
M. Evans, TAM	11	0	11	0	66
D. Murray, DAL	11	11	0	0	66
Cobb, GBY	10	0	10	0	62
Maclin, PHL	10	0	10	0	60
Forte, CHI	9	6	3	0	58
Beckham Jr., NYG	9	0	9	0	54

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Parkey, PHL	47-47	29-31	54	134
Crosby, GBY	47-49	25-29	55	122
Hauschka, SEA	34-34	29-32	58	121
Mat. Bryant, ATL	37-37	25-28	54	112
D. Bailey, DAL	45-45	22-25	56	111
Gano, CAR	28-28	26-31	53	106
Catanzaro, ARI	25-25	26-30	51	103
S. Graham, NOR	41-42	19-22	50	98
Dawson, SNF	26-26	23-28	55	95
Walsh, MIN	25-25	22-31	55	91

NBA

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	21	6	.778	—
Boston	10	14	.417	9½
Brooklyn	10	15	.400	10
New York	5	24	.172	17
Philadelphia	2	23	.080	18

Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	19	6	.760	—
Atlanta	18	7	.720	1
Miami	12	15	.444	8
Orlando	10	19	.345	11
Charlotte	8	19	.296	12

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	17	9	.654	—
Cleveland	15	10	.600	1½
Milwaukee	14	13	.519	3½
Indiana	8	18	.308	9
Detroit	5	22	.185	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	21	5	.808	—
Houston	19	6	.760	1½
Dallas	19	8	.704	2½
San Antonio	17	10	.630	4½
New Orleans	13	13	.500	8

Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	22	6	.786	—
Oklahoma City	13	14	.481	8½
Denver	11	15	.423	10
Utah	8	20	.286	14
Minnesota	5	20	.200	15½

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	22	3	.880	—
L.A. Clippers	18	8	.692	4½
Phoenix	14	14	.500	9½
Sacramento	11	15	.423	11½
L.A. Lakers	8	18	.308	14½

Friday's Games
Charlotte 109, Philadelphia 91
Utah 101, Orlando 94
Washington 105, Miami 103
Toronto 110, Detroit 100
Boston 114, Minnesota 98
Cleveland 95, Brooklyn 91
Chicago 103, Memphis 97
Portland 129, San Antonio 119,3OT
Denver 109, L.A. Clippers 106
Oklahoma City 104, L.A. Lakers 103
Saturday's Games
Phoenix 99, New York 90
Portland 114, New Orleans 88
Charlotte 104, Utah 86
Atlanta at Houston
San Antonio at Dallas
Indiana at Denver
Milwaukee at L.A. Clippers
Today's Games
New York at Toronto, 3:30 p.m.
Memphis at Cleveland, 4:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Washington, 6 p.m.
Boston at Miami, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Monday's Games
Denver at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 8 p.m.
Utah at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men
EAST
Albany (NY) 64, Yale 60
American U. 46, Mount St. Mary's 45
Belmont 73, Fairfield 61
Duquesne 79, Mass.-Lowell 63
Fairleigh Dickinson 76, Delaware 74
Georgetown 81, Charlotte 78
Manhattan 73, Morgan St. 69
Monmouth (NJ) 74, Wagner 66
NJIT 84, CCSU 76
Penn St. 73, Drexel 68
Pittsburgh 81, Oakland 77, OT
Providence 85, UMass 65
Rhode Island 69, Detroit 55
Sacred Heart 73, New Hampshire 60
Saint Joseph's 75, Marist 58
St. Bonaventure 69, Binghamton 51
St. Francis (NY) 61, FAU 56
St. Francis (Pa.) 73, Rutgers 68
Villanova 82, Syracuse 77, OT
SOUTH
Auburn 89, Xavier 88, 2OT
Campbell 90, Montreat 64
Davidson 80, Coll. of Charleston 68
Elon 71, UNC Greensboro 64
Florida 63, Wake Forest 50
Florida St. 75, South Florida 62
Georgia Tech 65, Vanderbilt 60
High Point 80, James Madison 71
Jacksonville 84, Truett McConnell 55
Kentucky 83, UCLA 44
Louisville 76, W. Kentucky 67
Memphis 78, Oral Roberts 63
Murray St. 89, Illinois St. 77
NC Central 94, MVSU 60
Northwestern St. 89, Louisiana-Lafayette 85
SC-Upstate 53, Mississippi St. 51
Toledo 83, McNeese St. 69
UMBC 66, Kennesaw St. 53
UT-Martin 77, Presbyterian 60
Virginia Tech 64, The Citadel 61
MIDWEST
Akron 92, Bluffton 53
Chicago St. 77, St. Joseph's (Ind.) 54
E. Illinois 60, Indiana St. 56
E. Michigan 77, Missouri St. 65
IUPUI 71, South Alabama 65, OT
Illinois 62, Missouri 59
Indiana 82, Butler 73
Iowa St. 83, Drake 54
Kansas 96, Lafayette 69
North Carolina 82, Ohio St. 74
Northwestern 67, W. Michigan 61
Notre Dame 94, Purdue 63
SMU 62, Michigan 51
Texas Southern 71, Michigan St. 64, OT
VCU 68, Cincinnati 47
Valparaiso 75, IPFW 72
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas St. 67, Marshall 58
SC State 71, Houston 63
Sam Houston St. 61, Prairie View 44
Stephen F. Austin 94, Arkansas Tech 57
Texas St. 90, Huston-Tillotson 56
Texas-Arlington 89, Howard Payne 50

SMU 62, MICHIGAN 51

SMU (8-3)
B. Moore 0-3 0-0 0, Moreira 7-9 5-9 19, Manuel 1-1 4-6 6, Frazier 3-10 0-0 6, N. Moore 6-10 2-2 17, Brown 2-3 0-0 5, Kennedy 2-3 1-2 5, Cunningham 2-4 0-0 4, Martin 0-3 0-0 0, Emelogu 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 23-50 12-19 62.
MICHIGAN (6-5)
Chatman 0-3 0-0 0, Doyle 1-3 1-2 3, Walton Jr. 4-13 0-0 11, Irvin 6-15 2-4 17, LeVert 1-8 2-2 4, Albrecht 1-4 0-0 2, Abdur-Rahkman 0-0 0-0 0, Dawkins 0-1 0-0 0, Donnal 4-6 3-4 13, Bielfeldt 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 17-54 9-14 51.
Halftime—SMU 30-27. 3-Point Goals—SMU 4-14 (N. Moore 3-6, Brown 1-2, Emelogu 0-1, Martin 0-1, Frazier 0-4), Michigan 8-36 (Walton Jr. 3-10, Irvin 3-11, Donnal 2-3, Dawkins 0-1, Bielfeldt 0-1, Chatman 0-2, Albrecht 0-3, LeVert 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—SMU 44 (Manuel 8), Michigan 27 (Irvin, LeVert 5). Assists—SMU 9 (B. Moore, N. Moore 3), Michigan 12 (LeVert 5). Total Fouls—SMU 16, Michigan 15. A—12,221.

TEXAS SOUTHERN 71, NO. 25 MICHIGAN ST. 64, OT

TEXAS SOUTHERN (2-8)
Biggs 1-3 0-0 2, Thomas 7-11 7-10 22, Gibbs 3-7 3-6 9, Johnson 0-2 0-0 0, Shepherd 0-2 0-0 0, Riley 7-10 5-6 20, Collier 0-0 0-0 0, Blanks 2-4 0-0 5, Carter 5-8 2-4 13, Friar 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-47 17-26 71.
MICHIGAN ST. (8-4)
Clark Jr. 1-2 0-0 2, Forbes 1-9 3-4 6, Trice 3-13 0-0 6, Schilling 4-6 1-5 9, Valentine 4-9 5-5 15, Bess 1-5 1-4 3, Ellis III 1-4 0-0 3, Costello 8-10 1-1 17, Nairn Jr. 0-1 1-2 1, Wollenman 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 24-61 12-21 64.
Halftime—Michigan St. 30-25. End Of Regulation—Tied 55. 3-Point Goals—Texas Southern 4-12 (Blanks 1-1, Thomas 1-2, Riley 1-2, Carter 1-3, Gibbs 0-1, Biggs 0-1, Johnson 0-2), Michigan St. 4-21 (Valentine 2-5, Ellis III 1-2, Forbes 1-9, Clark Jr. 0-1, Bess 0-1, Trice 0-3). Fouled Out—Carter, Valentine. Rebounds—Texas Southern 28 (Gibbs 9), Michigan St. 40 (Costello 10). Assists—Texas Southern 11 (Gibbs 4), Michigan St. 13 (Bess, Trice 3). Total Fouls—Texas Southern 21, Michigan St. 22. A—14,797.

NORTHWESTERN 67, W. MICHIGAN 61

W. MICHIGAN (6-4)
Tava 3-9 5-8 11, Lamont 0-0 4-6 4, Haymond 5-7 0-0 12, Richie 3-8 0-0 9, Brown 3-15 3-7 11, Wilder 1-5 1-2 4, Perry 1-1 0-0 2, Avery 0-0 0-0 0, McCormick 3-4 0-0 8. Totals 19-49 13-23 61.
NORTHWESTERN (7-4)
Lumpkin 2-4 0-0 4, Law 0-6 3-4 3, Olah 3-8 2-4 8, Demps 6-15 2-3 17, McIntosh 3-8 3-4 10, Lindsey 2-3 0-0 4, Sobolewski 1-2 3-4 5, Taphorn 3-4 2-2 10, Skelly 3-4 0-2 6. Totals 23-54 15-23 67.
Halftime—W. Michigan 28-25. 3-Point Goals—W. Michigan 10-26 (Richie 3-7, McCormick 2-3, Haymond 2-3, Brown 2-10, Wilder 1-2, Tava 0-1), Northwestern 6-20 (Demps 3-9, Taphorn 2-2, McIntosh 1-1, Sobolewski 0-1, Lumpkin 0-1, Law 0-3, Olah 0-3). Fouled Out—Brown, Lumpkin. Rebounds—W. Michigan 33 (Tava 9), Northwestern 39 (Olah 12). Assists—W. Michigan 13 (Brown, Tava 4), Northwestern 16 (McIntosh 8). Total Fouls—W. Michigan 20, Northwestern 24. Technical—W. Michigan Bench. A—6,612.

Women
EAST
Army 70, St. Thomas Aquinas 45
Georgia Tech 65, St. Francis (NY) 59
Loyola (Md.) 59, St. Peter's 49
Rutgers 66, Iona 58
St. Bonaventure 72, Niagara 60
West Virginia 69, Marshall 56
SOUTH
American U. 64, Md.-Eastern Shore 52
Baylor 84, Michigan St. 65
Campbell 66, Bethune-Cookman 55
East Carolina 65, Norfolk St. 36
Georgia 58, Furman 51
Jackson St. 62, Northwestern St. 61, OT
Jacksonville St. 57, ETSU 56
Middle Tennessee 79, UCF 57
Mississippi 71, Alabama A&M 47
Missouri 79, Wake Forest 64
Murray St. 80, Jacksonville 62
NC A&T 54, Tennessee Tech 49
North Florida 68, Wofford 60
Ohio 59, UMass 52
Oregon St. 73, Nevada 50
Presbyterian 45, NC Central 33
Tennessee 59, Stanford 40
Toledo 64, S. Illinois 48
UNC Wilmington 80, Charleston Southern 70
W. Carolina 83, FIU 69
MIDWEST
Creighton 67, Nebraska-Omaha 50
George Mason 65, Louisiana-Monroe 53
Green Bay 60, Vermont 40
Kansas St. 61, Grambling St. 38
Minnesota 74, Liberty 60
Nebraska 83, High Point 57
Purdue 65, Denver 51
SIU-Edwardsville 77, Valparaiso 65
South Carolina 80, Cent. Michigan 45
W. Michigan 71, Detroit 57
Wichita St. 66, Winthrop 20
William Jewell 59, UMKC 51
Wisconsin 70, Oral Roberts 52
Wright St. 80, UC Irvine 42
Xavier 62, Lipscomb 38
SOUTHWEST
Abilene Christian 80, Air Force 44
Houston 65, Nicholls St. 47
Stephen F. Austin 72, Arizona 60
Texas A&M-CC 68, Texas Southern 63
Texas Tech 64, UTSA 48
UTEP 86, Prairie View 48
FAR WEST
CS Northridge 65, San Diego St. 54
Gonzaga 70, S. Utah 51
Hawaii 85, Loyola Marymount 76
New Mexico St. 57, FAU 44
San Francisco 77, San Jose St. 62
Utah 67, Louisiana Tech 52
Washington St. 82, Montana St. 61
TOURNAMENT
ASU Classic
First Round
Arizona St. 81, Lehigh 61
Northwestern 92, E. Illinois 44
SJU Chartwells Holiday Classic
First Round
Indiana St. 64, SMU 55
St. John's 56, Auburn 49

NO. 9 BAYLOR 84, NO. 18 MICHIGAN ST. 65

MICHIGAN ST. (7-3)
Jankoska 5-10 3-4 15, Morrissey 2-5 0-0 5, J. Lumpkin 6-12 4-6 16, Powers 4-14 2-2 11, Mills 5-8 0-0 10, Miller 0-0 0-0 0, Gussert 2-2 1-1 5, Johnson 0-3 3-4 3. Totals 24-54 13-17 65.
BAYLOR (10-1)
Johnson 7-12 1-1 15, Prince 3-13 0-0 7, Davis 6-11 3-4 15, Wright 6-10 2-3 18, Higgins 1-1 0-0 2, Cohen 0-2 2-2 2, Fuqua' 1-1 0-0 2, Wallace 0-0 1-1 1, Agbuke 3-5 6-9 12, Small 0-4 0-0 0, Cave 4-9 2-3 10. Totals 31-68 17-23 84.
Halftime—Michigan St. 46-33. 3-Point Goals—Michigan St. 4-13 (Jankoska 2-6, Morrissey 1-3, Powers 1-3, J. Lumpkin 0-1), Baylor 5-13 (Wright 4-8, Prince 1-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Michigan St. 35 (Mills 8), Baylor 36 (Davis 9). Assists—Michigan St. 13 (J. Lumpkin, Morrissey, Powers 3), Baylor 22 (Johnson 12). Total Fouls—Michigan St. 22, Baylor 15. A—755.

JC BASKETBALL

LMC WOMEN 57, DELTA COLLEGE 55

LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE (57)
Shelby Frederick 2 2-4 6, Sabrina Trujillo 6 6-6 20, Tammy Lee 1 0-0 3, Shalay Stevens 1 0-0 2, Nicole Decker 2 1-2 6, Madison Cameron 1 0-0 3, Sarah Huffman 3 4-7 11, Lexi Firovich 2 1-4 6, Totals: 17 14-25 67.
Halftime: Delta 27-23
Rebounds — Decker 9, Huffman 6, Trujillo 5.
Assists — Huffman 5.
Record — LMC 7-3.

LMC MEN 72, ST. CLAIR 63

ST. CLAIR (63)
Jonathan Ashe 5 3-5 13, Jason Watts 8 2-2 18, Matthew Russell 3 0-0 6, Jay Springs 4 2-5 11, Jeremy Landers 3 1-2 8, Tarayle Cates 1 1-2 3, Jaylon Arkwright 2 0-0 4. Totals: 26 9-16 63.
LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE (72)
Kevion Morse 3 0-3 6, Montel Green 7 2-3 16, Darrell Ivy 3 4-6 12, Alec Brown 4 1-3 11, LaBradford Sebree 3 4-7 11, Michael Bush 2 2-2 7, Mitch Meyer 1 1-1 3, Arsenio Arrington 2 2-3 6. Totals: 25 16-28 72.
Halftime — LMC 36-27.
3-point goals — LMC 6 (Ivy 2, Brown 2), SC 2. Total fouls — LMC 14, SC 23. Fouled out — LMC: Arrington; SC: Russell. Technical fouls — none. Rebounds — LMC 33 (Green 8, Morse 8, Arrington 8, Sebree 6), SC 23 (Watts 9). Assists — LMC 16 (Ivy 6, Brown 4), SC 6.
Record — LMC 9-4.

BOWLING

LAKESHORE LANES
DAVE DREESE MEMORIAL — Bob Forsythe 781 (268), Paul Bender 748 (267), Lon Geisler 699 (268), Bill Cox 692 (266), Bob Utter 691 (235), Jerry Knowles 688 (237), Dana Wagemaker 679 (253), Pat Beutter 678 (267), Jim Russell 676 (234), Wayne Johnson 667 (245), Dennis Weatherman 665 (258); Teams: B&L Rentals 3290 (1126), Plangger's Furniture 3195 (1118).

NHL

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	35	20	11	4	44	113	93
Montreal	33	20	11	2	42	88	82
Detroit	33	17	8	8	42	93	82
Toronto	32	19	10	3	41	110	91
Florida	30	14	8	8	36	68	76
Boston	33	16	14	3	35	82	85
Ottawa	32	14	12	6	34	88	88
Buffalo	33	13	18	2	28	63	105

Metropolitan Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	31	21	6	4	46	99	71
N.Y. Islanders

Air Force sinks Western Michigan in Potato Bowl

Broncos' Corey Davis grabs 3 TD catches, totals 176 yards in 38-24 loss

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Shayne Davern ran for a career-high 101 yards and two touchdowns and Air Force beat Western Michigan 38-24 in the Famous Idaho Potato Bowl on a soggy Saturday night.

Air Force finished the season 10-3 after going 2-10 last year. Miami of Ohio was the last previous team to follow a 10-loss season with 10 victories, going from 1-11 in 2009 to 10-4 in 2010.

Davern was selected the Falcons' most valuable player.

Dexter Walker returned a fumble 60 yards for a touchdown for Air Force.

Western Michigan finished 8-5 after going 1-11 last season.

The Broncos had cut a 23-10 deficit to 23-17 and were in Air Force territory when Western Michigan quarterback Zach Terrell was hit by linebacker Spencer Proctor and fumbled. Walker scooped the ball and raced untouched down the sideline for the clinching score.

Air Force snapped a two-game bowl losing streak. The Falcons last won a postseason game in 2010 when they beat Georgia Tech in the Independence Bowl.

Western Michigan recovered a fumble on the first play from scrimmage to set up a 25-yard field goal by Andrew Haldeman, then got a 47-yard scoring strike from Zach Terrell to Corey Davis to take a 10-6 lead.

Air Force put together back-to-back touchdown drives to grab a 20-10 halftime lead. Davern scored on a 55-yard run, which was the longest of the sophomore's career. The Falcons then went 80 yards in 15 plays, including Davern gaining 6 yards on a fake punt from near midfield. The drive was capped by a 1-yard run by Devin Rushing on fourth down.

Air Force took 23-10 lead in the third quarter on Will Conant's 31-yard field goal and appeared to be in great shape after a punt pinned the Broncos on their own 8.

Western Michigan responded with a nine play, 92-yard drive that was capped by the second of three touchdown passes from Terrell to Davis, this one from 35 yards to make it 23-17 with 13:26 to play.

But Walker's fumble return ended any chance of a comeback by the Broncos, who finished the season losing back-to-back games after they reeled off six consecutive wins to become bowl eligible.

Western Michigan fell to 0-6 in bowl games. Davis finished with eight catches for 176 yards and the three scores for the Broncos to earn MVP honors for his team.

Otto Kitsinger / AP

Western Michigan wide receiver Darius Phillips, center, runs the ball during the first half of Saturday's Famous Idaho Potato Bowl against Air Force in Boise, Idaho.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 20

New Orleans Bowl
Nevada vs. UL Lafayette
New Orleans, Louisiana
11 a.m. | ESPN

New Mexico Bowl
Utah State vs. UTEP
Albuquerque, New Mexico
2:20 p.m. | ESPN

Las Vegas Bowl
Utah vs. Colorado State
Las Vegas, Nevada
3:30 p.m. | ABC

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
Western Michigan vs. Air Force
Boise, Idaho
5:45 p.m. | ESPN

Camelia Bowl
South Alabama vs. Bowling Green
Montgomery, Alabama
9:15 p.m. | ESPN

MONDAY, DEC. 22

Miami Beach Bowl
BYU vs. Memphis
Miami, Florida
2 p.m. | ESPN

TUESDAY, DEC. 23

Boca Raton Bowl
Marshall vs. Northern Illinois
Boca Raton, Florida
6 p.m. | ESPN

Poinsettia Bowl
Navy vs. San Diego State
San Diego, California
9:30 p.m. | ESPN

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24

Bahamas Bowl
Central Michigan vs. WKU
Nassau, Bahamas
Noon | ESPN

Hawaii Bowl
Fresno State vs. Rice
Honolulu, Hawaii
8 p.m. | ESPN

FRIDAY, DEC. 26

Heart of Dallas Bowl
Illinois vs. Louisiana Tech
Dallas, Texas
1 p.m. | ESPN

Quick Lane Bowl
Rutgers vs. North Carolina
Detroit, Michigan
4:30 p.m. | ESPN

St. Petersburg Bowl
North Carolina State vs. UCF
St. Petersburg, Florida
8 p.m. | ESPN

SATURDAY, DEC. 27

Military Bowl
Cincinnati vs. Virginia Tech
Annapolis, Maryland
1 p.m. | ESPN

Sun Bowl
Arizona State vs. Duke
El Paso, Texas
2 p.m. |CBS

Independence Bowl
Miami (Fla.) vs. South Carolina
Shreveport, Louisiana
3:30 p.m. | ABC

Pinstripe Bowl
Boston College vs. Penn State
Bronx, New York
4:30 p.m. | ESPN

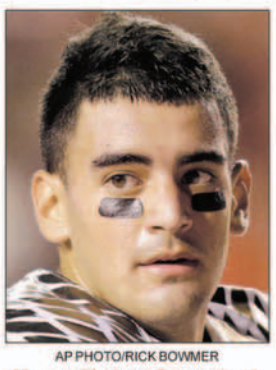
Holiday Bowl
Nebraska vs. USC
San Diego, California
8 p.m. | ESPN

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF GAMES

ROSE BOWL

TUESDAY, JAN. 1 — 5 P.M. | ESPN
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

OREGON DUCKS
PAC-12 CHAMPIONS



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Marcus Mariota, Quarterback

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Mark Helfrich, Coach

2014 RECORD

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	RECORD
Aug. 30	South Dakota	62-13	1-0
Sept. 6	Michigan State	46-27	2-0
Sept. 13	Wyoming	48-14	3-0
Sept. 20	Washington State	38-31	4-0
Oct. 2	Arizona	24-31	4-1
Oct. 11	UCLA	42-30	5-1
Oct. 18	Washington	45-20	6-1
Oct. 24	California	59-41	7-1
Nov. 1	Stanford	45-16	8-1
Nov. 8	Utah	51-27	9-1
Nov. 22	Colorado	44-10	10-1
Nov. 29	Oregon State	47-19	11-1
Dec. 5	Arizona	51-13	12-1

FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES
ACC CHAMPIONS

AP PHOTO/CHUCK BURTON
Jameis Winston, Quarterback

AP PHOTO/DAVID J. PHILLIP
Jimbo Fisher, Coach

2014 RECORD

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	RECORD
Aug. 30	Oklahoma State	37-31	1-0
Sept. 6	The Citadel	37-12	2-0
Sept. 20	Clemson	23-17	3-0
Sept. 27	NC State	56-41	4-0
Oct. 4	Wake Forest	43-3	5-0
Oct. 11	Syracuse	38-20	6-0
Oct. 18	Notre Dame	31-27	7-0
Oct. 30	Louisville	42-31	8-0
Nov. 8	Virginia	34-20	9-0
Nov. 15	Miami	30-26	10-0
Nov. 22	Boston College	20-17	11-0
Nov. 29	Florida	24-19	12-0
Dec. 6	Georgia Tech	37-35	13-0

SUGAR BOWL

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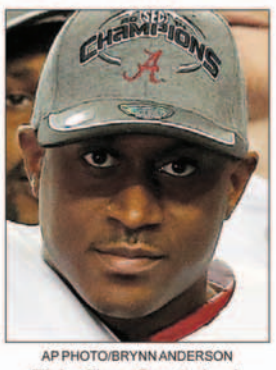

AP PHOTO/BRYNN ANDERSON
Blake Sims, Quarterback

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Nick Saban, Coach

2014 RECORD

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	RECORD
Aug. 30	West Virginia	33-23	1-0
Sept. 6	Florida Atlantic U.	41-0	2-0
Sept. 13	Southern Miss	52-12	3-0
Sept. 20	Florida	42-21	4-0
Oct. 4	Ole Miss	17-23	4-1
Oct. 11	Arkansas	14-13	5-1
Oct. 18	Texas A&M	59-0	6-1
Oct. 25	Tennessee	34-20	7-1
Nov. 8	LSU	20-13 (OT)	9-1
Nov. 15	Mississippi State	25-20	9-1
Nov. 22	Western Carolina	48-14	10-1
Nov. 29	Auburn	55-44	11-1
Dec. 6	Missouri	42-13	12-1

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BIG TEN CHAMPIONS

AP PHOTO/MICHAEL CONROY
Cardale Jones, Quarterback

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Urban Meyer, Coach

2014 RECORD

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	RECORD
Aug. 30	Navy	34-17	1-0
Sept. 6	Virginia Tech	21-35	1-1
Sept. 13	Kent State	66-0	2-1
Sept. 27	Cincinnati	50-28	3-1
Oct. 4	Maryland	52-24	4-1
Oct. 18	Rutgers	56-17	5-1
Oct. 25	Penn State	31-24 (OT)	6-1
Nov. 1	Illinois	55-14	7-1
Nov. 8	Michigan State	49-37	8-1
Nov. 15	Minnesota	31-24	9-1
Nov. 22	Indiana	42-27	10-1
Nov. 29	Michigan	42-28	11-1
Dec. 6	Wisconsin	59-0	12-1

COLLEGE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

MONDAY, JAN. 12 — ARLINGTON, TEXAS

Time: 8:30 P.M.
TV: ESPN

Teams: ROSE BOWL WINNER vs. SUGAR BOWL WINNER

MONDAY, DEC. 29

Liberty Bowl
Texas A&M vs. West Virginia
Memphis, Tennessee
2 p.m. | ESPN

Russell Athletic Bowl
Clemson vs. Oklahoma
Orlando, Florida
5:30 p.m. | ESPN

Texas Bowl
Arkansas vs. Texas
Houston, Texas
9 p.m. | ESPN

TUESDAY, DEC. 30

Music City Bowl
Notre Dame vs. LSU
Nashville, Tennessee
3 p.m. | ESPN

Belk Bowl
Georgia vs. Louisville
Charlotte, North Carolina
6:30 p.m. | ESPN

Fosters Farm Bowl
Maryland vs. Stanford
Santa Clara, California
10 p.m. | ESPN

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31

Peach Bowl
Ole Miss vs. TCU
Atlanta, Georgia
12:30 p.m. | ESPN

Fiesta Bowl
Boise State vs. Arizona
Glendale, Arizona
4 p.m. | ESPN

Orange Bowl
Mississippi State vs. Georgia Tech
Miami, Florida
8 p.m. | ESPN

THURSDAY, JAN. 1

Outback Bowl
Auburn vs. Wisconsin
Tampa, Florida
Noon | ESPN2

Cotton Bowl Classic
Michigan State vs. Baylor
Arlington, Texas
12:30 p.m. | ESPN

Citrus Bowl
Minnesota vs. Missouri
Orlando, Florida
1 p.m. | ABC

FRIDAY, JAN. 2

Armed Forces Bowl
Houston vs. Pittsburgh
Fort Worth, Texas
Noon | ESPN

TaxSlayer Bowl
Iowa vs. Tennessee
Jacksonville, Florida
3:20 p.m. | ESPN

Alamo Bowl
Kansas State vs. UCLA
San Antonio, Texas
6:45 p.m. | ESPN

Cactus Bowl
Washington vs. Oklahoma State
Tempe, Arizona
10:15 p.m. | ESPN

SATURDAY, JAN. 3

Birmingham Bowl
East Carolina vs. Florida
Birmingham, Alabama
1 p.m. | ESPN2

GoDaddy Bowl
Toledo vs. Arkansas State
Mobile, Alabama
9 p.m. | ESPN

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Berrien Springs' Montrell Pullian pulls down a rebound over Edwardsburg's Jackson Gaideski during the first half of Friday's game. Edwardsburg won 66-51.

Jody Warner / HP correspondent

Coloma and South Haven players scramble for a loose ball during Friday's game. Coloma won 56-51.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Lakeshore's Shane Pierce works against Portage Central's Dante Latora during their 135-pound match Wednesday at Lakeshore High School. Pierce lost the match. Lakeshore beat Portage Northern and Portage Central that night.

From last week

Varsity basketball doubleheaders one again are the Friday night norm for several area conferences. Wrestlers take to the mats on Wednesday, however.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Benton Harbor's Shaniya Campbell and Gull Lake's Braeden Snow fight for the ball during Tuesday's game. Benton Harbor won 62-46.

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Berrien Springs' Amanda Forraht drives around Edwardsburg's Michaela Ritschard during the second half of Friday's game. Berrien Springs won 52-45.

Coloma's Jackie Zvonar takes a baseline shot over South Haven's Jada Hooker during Friday's game. South Haven won 42-27.

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Hunter Maerz, 9, with his prosthetic hand, which is created using a 3D printer, at his grandparents' Bridgman home.

A HELPING HAND

3D printing technology helps 9-year-old Galien boy get a grip on things

By KATE GENELLIE
HP Correspondent

BRIDGMAN — Hunter Maerz broke his thumb at school – but that's OK. His grandpa carries extra parts.

Hunter, 9, of Galien, was born without fingers on his left hand, the result of a congenital birth disorder called amniotic band syndrome. But he's able to pick things up with his left hand and can even swing from the monkey bars, thanks to a prosthetic built by his grandfather, Joe Fleck, using a three-dimensional printer.

"I had no idea what a 3D printer was," says Cynthia Fleck, Hunter's grandmother. But she saw an article in People Magazine about a boy with a condition similar to Hunter's who had a prosthesis made with a 3D printer.

Cynthia began hunting around online, learning more about 3D printers and what they're capable of. In August, she bought a MakerBot Replicator 2.

On a Saturday afternoon in December, Hunter, his grandparents, and his mother, Jennifer Maerz, sit around the Flecks' kitchen table in Bridgman, where the MakerBot is creating a new fingertip.

Hunter is a bubbly kid, jumping away from the buzzing MakerBot to give his mother a kiss on the cheek. He shows off his hand, a green and black Cyborg Beast model, an upgrade from an earlier model called the Robohand. Hunter fits the hand over his wrist and flexes his wrist back and forth.

As he flexes, parachute cords pull the finger joints, closing the hand. The hand is simple – just the plastic pieces that make up the fingers and the hand components, a couple of screws and

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Hunter Maerz, 9, and his grandfather, Joe Fleck, make adjustments to Hunter's "Cyborg Beast" prosthetic hand, created on a 3D printer, at Fleck's Bridgman home.

All aboard!

Four Winds chef creates gingerbread train

By AARON McKRELL
For The Herald-Palladium

NEW BUFFALO — A train made out of gingerbread? Four Winds Casino made it happen.

Executive Chef Craig Lewkowitz headed up a project to bake and put on display a gingerbread train in the rotunda of Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo.

"It really starts (the guests') experience off with Four Winds right," Lewkowitz said. "They just come in and they feel good."

The preliminary work for the train began in August. Lewkowitz and 15 others, from fellow bakers to carpenters to upholsterers, worked on a creating a gingerbread train that would be 23 feet long, 4 feet wide, and 8 feet tall at its highest point.

"There's not a lot of obstacles, but there's a lot of planning that goes into it," Lewkowitz said.

After three months of work, more than 1,700 pounds of gingerbread, 240 pounds of chocolate, 165 pounds of royal icing and 30 pounds of cooked sugar, as well as baking the train twice to ensure it wouldn't crumble, the train was unveiled Dec. 1.

While sometimes displays like the gingerbread train are entered into competitions, Lewkowitz said Four Winds did this purely for the entertainment of its guests.

"It makes us feel good, not only myself but our whole staff, knowing that we're doing something special that not everyone else is doing," Lewkowitz said. "It really helps enhance our property and makes people feel special, and that's what we're all about."

Lewkowitz has worked at Four Winds Casino since its opening, starting out as the pastry chef. In 2010, he was promoted to be the casino's executive chef, and he oversees all three locations – New Buffalo, Hartford and Dowagiac – of Four Winds Casino.

In that time, Lewkowitz and the rest of the staff have worked to put out a unique holiday display each year.

"We try to do something a little different each year to try to pique the interest of the guests and the staff," Lewkowitz said. "Every year we do something a little bit bigger and a little bit grander."

Lewkowitz doesn't know the cost of putting together the train, but said it was worth the effort.

"Whatever was put into it was well worth it, because the guests really, really enjoyed it," Lewkowitz said. "The first thing they say is, 'Wow, that aroma really invokes the feeling of holidays.'"

The train will remain on display through Dec. 25.

Photo provided

This train made out of gingerbread is on display in the rotunda of Four Winds Casino in New Buffalo. The project was spearheaded by Executive Chef Craig Lewkowitz. The train is 23 feet long, 4 feet wide and 8 feet tall at its highest point.

Seeing shepherds in a different light

Lori Borgman

One of my favorite hidden-camera gags is of high school students called to the counselor's office to learn the results of their career aptitude tests.

The first student entered the office and took a seat. The counselor said the results were clear-cut as to what career path the student should pursue.

The student was immediately attentive and sat up straight.

The counselor said, "Shepherd."

Not a single student, when informed they were suited to be a shepherd, fist bumped the counselor, asked about starting pay or a benefits package. Silence. Each and every one was dumbfounded.

I'm not sure the role of shepherd is terribly popular anywhere. Even in Christmas pageant settings, parents of the kids who play Mary and Joseph will gladly point out their star. Parents of shepherds tend to go mute. Let's be honest here – even sheep have more lines than shepherds. Baa.

Off stage and across pasture lands, sheep are greasy and smelly. Wet wool is matted, dirty and mangy.

Sheep not only bump into you, they constantly bump into each other. Lacking fangs, talons, a powerful roar or amazing speed, they flock to protect themselves. It is their only and best defense. Unless, of course, they flock together and walk off a 50-foot cliff like 1,500 sheep did in Turkey several years ago.

Sheep also have a reputation as, well, not very bright. This is why you occasionally read groundbreaking studies claiming sheep may actually have intelligence. The journal Nature reports that sheep may be as good as humans at distinguishing faces in a crowd. Yes, three out of five sheep can pick out a Kardashian on Rodeo Drive.

Tending sheep is for a select few. The wages and resources for sheep herding are better today, but even now a sheep herder must be rough and gritty, able to endure harsh elements, loneliness and a good measure of frustration.

The role of the shepherds in the Christmas narrative has always been a marvel. The announcement of Christ's birth could have been delivered to anybody – the rich, the powerful, the established class, those in the know with name recognition and good connections. But the news was delivered to shepherds – rough and rugged men with little money, no power and no status. They were working class, without wealth or social pedigrees.

The shepherds have been polished and refined over the years, now often appearing in crèche sets, on cards and in romanticized paintings with neat

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WEDDINGS

Schrubba-Holthaus

Whitney Elizabeth Schrubba and Brandon Holthaus were married June 20, 2014, at the Falcon's Fire Golf Course, Kissimmee, Fla. Lon Tosi officiated.

Parents of the bride are Russell and Jacqueline Schrubba of St. Joseph.

The groom is the son of Michelle Holthaus and Gerry Roth of Seattle.

Lanie Schrubba was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jessica Schmidt and Devan Irving.

Gabriel Cullen was best man. Groomsmen were Christopher Holthaus, Jerry Lynn and Matthew Ferris.

Ryan Holthaus and Treyson Marshall were ring bearers.

A reception was at Falcon's Fire Golf Course.

After a wedding trip to Walt Disney World, they are living in Tampa.

The bride graduated from St. Joseph High School and Heidelberg College. She is a trainer coordinator for Walt Disney Company.

The groom attended Utah State University and is studying geographical information systems at the University of South Florida.

Knopp-Spoelhof

Allison Elizabeth Knopp and Nathan David Spoelhof were married Sept. 27, 2014, at Frog Pond Village in Interlochen, Mich. The Rev. Susan Prescott officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mary and Rick Koenes of St. Joseph, and Russ and Leslie Knopp of Traverse City.

The groom is the son of Patricia Spoelhof of Rockford, Ill.

Katie Knopp and Chelsea Whiteford were maids of honor. Bridesmaids were Shawntina Phillips, Brittnie Berger and Alyssa Frollo.

Scott Wray was best man. Groomsmen were Matt Sharkey, Ray Knag, Wilmer Lidke and Jon Steinke. Ushers were Andrew Koenes and Christopher Koenes.

A reception was held at Frog Pond Village.

After a wedding trip to Jamaica, they are living in Midland, Mich.

The bride received a Bachelor of Arts in journalism from Michigan State University. She is a marketing communications specialist at the University of Michigan-Flint.

The groom received a Bachelor of Science in information technology from Central Michigan University. He is an IT specialist at Dow Chemical Co.

Zdziarski-Allen

Cheryl Marie Zdziarski and Jonathan Paul Allen were married Sept. 19, 2014, at Holy Family Church in Chicago. Father Mike Gabriel officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Joseph Zdziarski of Shorewood, Ill., and Janice Nielsen of Orland Park, Ill.

The groom is the son of Richard and Rosalie Allen of South Haven.

Nora Powers was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Paula Subler, Lisa Schmitt, Susanna Allen and Sarah Salguera.

Daniel Salguera was ring bearer.

Jeffrey Allen was best man. Groomsmen were John Zdziarski, Patrick Murphy, Paul Tavernit, Jason Harwood and Francisco Salguera. Ushers were E.J. Snikeris, Jordy Snikeris, James Snikeris and Mathew Calkins.

A reception was held at the Blackstone Hotel, Chicago.

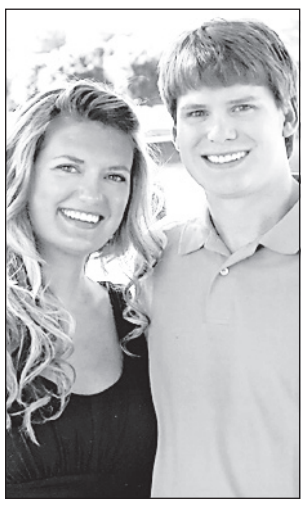
After a wedding trip to Hawaii, they are living in Chicago.

The bride graduated from Lewis University and is a registered nurse.

The groom is a graduate of Western Michigan and Wayne State University. He is a postdoctoral fellow with Northwestern University, Chicago.

ENGAGEMENT

Sverid-Flora



Rachel Vanessa Sverid and Zachary Dow Flora are planning a July 11, 2015, wedding.

Sverid, daughter of Michael and Mary Kay Sverid of St. Joseph, graduated from Western Michigan University and is completing her master's in education. She is a Spanish teacher in Oscoda, Mich.

Her fiancé, son of Ross and Susan Flora of Bloomfield Hills and Tawas City, Mich., attended Western Michigan University and is employed in quality control at Cooper Standard Corp.

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HAND

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some parachute cord – and the whole thing works without electricity.

The hand, which can open and close, isn't as functional as Hunter's earlier prosthetic, a myoelectric hand controlled by the electrical impulses of Hunter's muscles.

The family traveled down to Texas to have that hand created for Hunter, says Jennifer Maerz, Hunter's mother. It's battery powered, lets him control his fingers, and is covered in a plastic material that matched Hunter's skin tone. But the prosthesis makes his left arm a bit longer than his right, and it's unwieldy.

"It's so heavy," Hunter says of the myoelectric hand. He holds up his 3D hand, opens and closes the fingers. "This one is light as a feather."

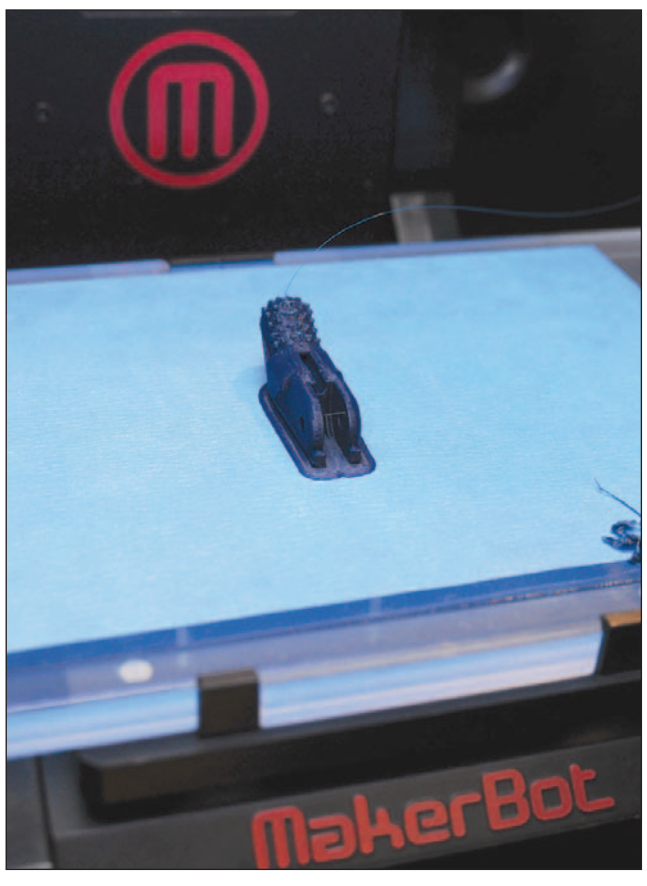
Another improvement, Hunter says, is that this one is green and black, and his grandfather is making him a new one in his school colors – blue and white – for his school's Spirit Day. "The other one had to be plain skin color," he explains. "This one's more fun."

The myoelectric hand "was a wonderful thing, but with the length and the weight, it wasn't feasible," Jennifer says.

And with a price tag of $26,000, Hunter couldn't wear it to school, where he might get it dirty or wet or broken.

Last week, Hunter forgot his 3D hand in his desk at school over the weekend. With material costs shaking out to about $50 a hand, his mom wasn't too worried about it.

Even when a myoelectric prosthetic hand works perfectly and isn't too heavy, and even if the cost is covered by insurance – as in Hunter's case – just having a new hand built can become burdensome. Because kids are always growing, in just months, they may need a new hand. The 3D printer solves that problem, because when Hunter grows, his grandfather just has to enter new measurements.



ABOVE: Hunter Maerz shows off his prosthetic hand. The 3D-printed hand is made of plastic, a couple of screws and parachute cord.
LEFT: Joe Fleck uses a MakerBot Replicator 2 Desktop 3D Printer to create a finger for his grandson Hunter Maerz's prosthetic hand.
Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

The 3D hand may not be as strong as Hunter's myoelectric hand, "but they're constantly updating and improving. It'll get there," Jennifer says.

"I can play with this one in the sandbox," Hunter says. "This one I could have for my whole life and keep extending it." He considers the 3D printer as it slowly builds a finger joint and admits, "It makes my electric bill a little more."

Building in 3D

The field of three-dimensional printing is developing at a breakneck pace. It's being used to create everything from prosthesis like Hunter's to building materials to biological material like part of a knee joint, using biodegradable plastic and a protein growth system.

For the moment, the technology is most popular with engineers, scientists and people who love to tinker with computers. The tech isn't exactly ready for your average consumer, as the Flecks discovered after their purchase.

Joe is a diesel mechanic and Cynthia works for a hotel, and they aren't really computer people, they say. When Cynthia bought the 3D printer off eBay, Joe had figured out how to get to Solitaire on his computer, but couldn't do much else.

"For us, it was a real learning experience," Cynthia says.

But after a couple of months, many obstacles, and with the aid of a helpful member of Best Buy's Geek Squad, they were able to make their first 3D printed object.

"The first thing we made was a shark," Cynthia says.

The Flecks downloaded plans for the shark and Hunter's prosthesis from Makerbot's Thingiverse.com, a website where people can download and create plans for 3D printers for everything from tools to Christmas ornaments. Cynthia says her granddaughters have been waiting patiently for a couple of plastic mermaids.

"The MakerBot works in the same order as a hot glue gun, but a lot harder and hotter," Joe says.

The machine heats a length of plastic, called PLA filament, up to 390 degrees, and forces a jet of melted plastic through a nozzle onto a small platform. The nozzle moves back and forth, adding a small layer of plastic to the piece with each pass, until it builds the layers into the three-dimensional piece. The final product is minutely stratified, like a tiny topographical map.

"The biggest thing is it's labor intensive," Joe says. The whole hand takes 17 hours to print.

"I help," Hunter says.

Joe nods. "Moral support."

But Hunter insists that, even before the 3D printer arrived, "I was interested in electronics."

"Yeah, like Nintendo. Or iPad," Joe teases.

"Oh, be quiet," Hunter says with a smile.

When Hunter took his first 3D printed hand to school in October, Jennifer talked to Hunter's third-grade class at River Valley Elementary in Three Oaks, answering any questions his classmates had about the prosthetic.

Hunter's classmates were curious at first, Hunter says, but it's not a big deal anymore.

"They just think it's cool," he says.

Hunter's hand does get a lot of attention, he says. There are a few things he would like curious people to know.

"It can be used to pick up many different things," he says. "I'm going to tie my shoes, once I get one with a better grip. It works by wrist articulation."

And, he adds, "I can give high fives with my left hand now."

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and clean robes, trimmed beards and a peaceful countenance. In reality, their clothes were worn and tattered and bore the smell of sweat and hard work. Their beards were probably matted and the looks on their faces were likely ones of bewilderment – dumbfounded, just like the kids in the counselor's office.

The news of Christ's birth not only came first to lowly shepherds, the one born in the manger grew to be like them, lowly and humble, known as the Good Shepherd.

I like that the news of Christ's birth came to ordinary people first, to the everyday man with universal struggles and universal hopes and dreams. It still does.

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Creative solutions for the wary traveler

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness ..."
– Mark Twain

"All journeys have secret destinations of which the traveler is unaware."
– Martin Buber

Lynn Kellogg
Generations

Destination "secrets" may be something of surprising beauty or a subtle marvel that touches the soul. Or "secrets" might be something different altogether. They could be relational, like finding an unexpected friendship or discovering a depth in someone you didn't know was there; or learning cultural or historical perspective. Some journeys don't involve travel at all – but some do.

Over the holidays people are on the move visiting and travelling. They're sharing tidbits from their year, chatting about hopes and plans for the year to come. Some people would like to travel but find it more difficult than they used to. Common issues that make people hesitant include: arthritis and/or joint pain that makes walking a challenge; unexpected stairs; difficult to manage urinary urges or incontinence; inability to sleep in different beds; difficult to negotiate bathrooms; problems hearing, seeing or understanding changes in travel logistics; or prejudice or impatience by others.

A number of friends have encouraged me to share thoughts about how travel can be a little easier. I think the trick is to view services and gadgets as helpful tools for doing what you want to do. We do that with eyeglasses. We do that with hearing aids. Broadening the scope of this thinking helps.

For example, the distance between flights in airports becoming a worry? Request wheelchair assistance – many people do. You don't need a doctor or other special approval – just ask. Is trying to walk fast between flights painful, increasing your anxiety? No longer an issue. Plus, you're one of the first to board – easy to find space in overheads.

A lot of people worry about hotel rooms. Toilet seats may be low. Showers may require stepping over a bathtub to get in. Jacuzzi tubs with their thick sides and far walls can be the worst. Many hotels are installing safety grab bars in all bathrooms – smart. But many don't.

Think about buying a portable grab bar. For less than $20, you can buy a lightweight, easy-to-pack grab bar that mounts instantly on most tiled walls or counters with large suction cups. Sturdy enough to support several hundred pounds, it's a gem of a gadget that also works well in private homes. When visiting, you can easily use it and take it back to your bedroom with you.

When making hotel reservations, ask questions. Is there an "accessible" room available with built-in handy features? Request a room nearer the lobby or elevator to limit unnecessary walking. Is there a choice of tub/shower combinations or step in showers without a tub? How close can you park to your room? Are there steps to your room and/or public areas? How many? Are there railings?

Used to elevating your head when sleeping due to acid reflux? Put some of those extra pillows under the head end of the mattress – problem solved. Ask housekeeping if you need help.

Ideas go on and on. People are afraid to talk about urinary incontinence in one form or another, but it's very common. Talk to your doctor about causes; there might be a physical solution. If not, explore the products and pads out there either in stores or on the internet. There are lots of options nowadays – and no, no one will know.

Someone not traveling due to difficulty getting in and out of a vehicle? Google "handy bar." For less than $30, you can buy a handle that sets into the metal ring exposed in a car doorway when the door is open. The handle supports unlimited weight and is a terrific thing to grab onto when lowering oneself in or out.

Consider portable scooters, wheelchairs and walkers – especially those with seats attached. Pack a nightlight when you travel. Get creative. Just don't miss out – people are looking forward to seeing you!

Lynn Kellogg is chief executive officer of Region IV Area Agency on Aging in Southwest Michigan. Questions on age or independence services? Call the Info-Line for Aging & Disability at 800-654-2810 or visit www.areaagencyonaging.org. The Generations column appears each Sunday in The Herald-Palladium.

Younger sibling should get equivalent gift

DEAR CAROLYN: My husband's (much) younger sister had a child as a teenager when she was not at all able to raise one due to drug problems and other issues. We became the baby's legal guardian and raised her as our own. Earlier this year, at age 15, the child wanted to live nearby with the biological mother, who has gotten herself (somewhat) together.

Carolyn Hax

The child we raised has a sibling, younger by eight years, and the mother only allows us to see them together. I didn't raise the younger child as my own and naturally don't feel the same attachment.

I feel torn purchasing gifts for one as I do for my other children while only getting a token gift for the sibling who lives in the same household. The biological mother is not being reasonable or flexible in this situation. HELP!! – Unclefather

DEAR UNCLEFATHER: Of course you love the older child as one of your own, and the younger as a (spouse's) niece/nephew. Everyone would understand that.

Except a young child. At 7, this sibling would know the elder had lived with you, obviously – but having that information is not the same as achieving mastery over the hollow feeling of receiving less attention than a sibling. And of watching this less-than relegation play out right in your face, repeatedly, especially over holidays.

It's there, it's primal, and it's your job as the adult to make sure the younger sibling never receives this burden from you, much less has to carry it alone. (If the sister had gone on to have four more kids, this might be a different answer.)

So spend the extra time and effort cultivating a relationship with the younger, and – by far the easier part – buy the younger sibling a gift "as I do for my other children." It is, to use the standard you set, the only reasonable and flexible thing to do. And, kind – an example as well as a gift.

DEAR CAROLYN: Upon my parents' death, my sibling and I very equitably and happily divided our small inheritance equally. Each of us, including our children, were allowed to pick items from my parents' household that they especially wanted. All valuable items were included in the estate, sold, and the proceedings were divided equally.

Each of the three granddaughters was allowed to pick one ring of my mother's as a keepsake. She had one we all knew was more valuable than the rest. One of my daughters chose this one, and since she seemed to want it for sentimental reasons, everyone was generous about letting her have it despite its somewhat higher value.

We had the ring appraised a few months after the estate was settled and discovered it was worth almost 10 times what we expected, but again, since it was a sentimental choice, no one contested the issue.

Now, however, several years later, my daughter is talking about selling the ring! I was stunned, and told her I felt she was obligated to share the proceeds with her siblings and cousins after taking a slightly larger share for herself. If my daughter had not taken the ring, we had planned to have it appraised, sold, and the profits divided.

My daughter says she cannot see any reason she is obliged to share this income. I am astonished that she does not understand this. Am I crazy, or does sharing seem like the only right thing to do? – A Disappointed Mom

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: You're not crazy, your daughter is being obtuse at best or, at worst, greedy. I'm sorry.

Perhaps a clearer explanation will penetrate the self-interest coating her heart: "Even though having this ring meant you received a significantly larger share of the estate, everyone agreed to it because you seemed so attached to the piece emotionally. Now that you want to sell it, it's clear there was no attachment.

"Does that mean you owe us all a share of the proceeds? No. Technically, it is yours to do with as you wish. But it does mean you are profiting off our kindness, and it will bother me a lot if that doesn't bother you at all."

DEAR CAROLYN: Is it weird that my dad likes to hang out with my two sisters and me without our significant others, and without his wife and stepson, every once in a while? My husband sure thinks so. My dad never actually says my husband isn't welcome – I just sometimes know he'd like to do things as a foursome. Thoughts? – C.

DEAR C.: Among people who spent years living together, rewarding ones, there is comfort and familiarity nothing else can touch. Immediate family, sleepaway campers, college roommates, troops, teammates, even some colleagues.

What's weird to me is that your husband doesn't get that (or doesn't want to). Sure, if your dad always herds his girls into private conversation, "weird" is back on the table – but the occasional just-us time with grown kids? That, to me, is a gift.

Email Carolyn at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax or chat with her online at noon each Friday at www.washingtonpost.com.

Pet of the week

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Meet Marley! Marley is a "bassador" (basset hound/Labrador mix) available for adoption at Berrien County Animal Control, 9204 Huckleberry Road, Berrien Center, 471-7531. He's just a year old and is good with other dogs and also cats. Marley is a fun dog who may be short but is very playful! He's housebroken and would love a home with older kids and a fenced yard with room to run and play. Come meet all of the great dogs and cats looking for homes during Christmas Carols for Canines & Cats from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Dec. 24 at BCAC. A donation of dog or cat food, litter, bleach or laundry soap would be greatly appreciated.

Commercialization puts Santa atop woman's naughty list

DEAR ABBY: I have decided that when I have kids I don't want to do the whole "Santa" thing. I'd rather tell them about the real St. Nicholas and what it means to give rather than to receive. Even though I'm not religious, I'll tell them about the birth of Jesus (even though he wasn't born in December), and tell them about the winter solstice.

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

After working years of retail, I have seen firsthand what people can be like around the holidays, especially parents buying expensive, high-demand/low-supply things for their kids, and parents who put themselves in debt to make their kids happy. I am saddened by stories of kids writing to Santa and asking him to get their unemployed parents money for food.

Most people I have spoken with disagree with my decision. They call me a Scrooge or say I'm "taking my kids' innocence away."

What do you think? Do you think I'm awful for wanting to teach them about charitable St. Nick, instead of commercializing Santa Claus? – Santa-Less in Colorado

DEAR SANTA-LESS: I agree you should talk to your children about the birth of Jesus, as well as the pagan festivals that Christmas replaced, if you wish. While you're at it, also stress to them what the spirit of Christmas is supposed to be – even if it seems sometimes lost in the commercialism of the holiday.

However, wait until your children *ask* you about Santa. When they do, tell them the truth. That way, they will learn that when they ask their mother something, they will always be given an honest answer.

DEAR ABBY: When our son got married 10 years ago, we tried to establish a relationship with his wife. We found her to be strong-willed and controlling, and sadly accepted that she was determined to exclude us from their lives. We realized she didn't want to share him with anyone else. We spent no holidays together, but when I requested to see them once a year on my son's birthday, we would meet halfway for a meal to keep the visit short.

After they had two children, we were allowed to see them on their birthdays. Gifts were always accepted and we were thanked. As the years passed, we were also allowed some phone calls and Skyping. But now, since his father died last year, my son agrees with his wife that no further contact with me is necessary.

I have two questions: First, do I continue to send gifts and cards to them? Second, if the children, now 5 and 7, are no longer allowed to see me, do I change my will? – Heartbroken Grandma

DEAR HEARTBROKEN GRANDMA: What a sad situation. If your grandchildren are not allowed to see you, then you really will no longer have a relationship. Continue trying to maintain contact, however, and perhaps the situation will improve later. You can do with your assets exactly as you please, but don't make any snap decisions now.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Volunteers

Hospice at Home

Caregiver support: Do you want to help people in your community? One way to help is by coming into the home of a person receiving Hospice services and being present so that their caregiver may have the opportunity to rest, or get out of the home to do errands, enjoy alone time or time with others. Volunteers are needed in the St. Joseph area.

Contact Candy Briney at cbriney@hospiceathomecares.org or 429-7100.

Benton Harbor Girls Association for Learning & Self-Esteem

A computer technician is needed anytime between 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Friday at 560 Columbus Ave., Benton Harbor.

For details, email Dr. Patricia Ann Quattrin at paquattrin@alumni.nd.edu.

Meals On Wheels

Meals On Wheels of Southwestern Michigan (Senior Nutrition Services) has a volunteer position available – meal delivery driver for the South Haven route.

The position is three hours a day Monday-Friday or any day(s) available, though help is needed especially on Mondays and Fridays. Use your own transportation.

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with Volunteer Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every Sunday.

To view all current listings, please visit Volunteer Southwest Michigan's opportunities page online at **volunteerswmi.org.**

Contact Coleen Halamka at chalamka@snsmeals.org or 925-0137.

Therapeutic Equestrian Center

Barn clean-up: Help us keep the barn looking clean and sharp! Great opportunity for a youth group or individuals. We have approximately four each year. Two hour commitment each day.

Sidewalker: Many riders in the Therapeutic Equestrian Center program need help to maintain their balance while sitting on the horse as they are learning to ride. The sidewalker's job is to give the rider as much help in maintaining his or her balance on the horse as is needed. They also relay the instructor's directions using verbal or physical assistance. One or two people may be asked to act as sidewalkers for a rider

For more information, contact Kelly Jimmerson at Kelly4tec@gmail.com or 517-775-5071.

Harbor Habitat for Humanity

ReStore volunteers: Pick-up and delivery workers who can physically lift 20 pounds frequently are needed. Hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays.

Receptionist volunteers: Greeting customers/clients, handing out informational pamphlets, assisting in paper work, answering incoming calls, and directing calls to appropriate personnel. Hours are noon-5 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays, and 1-5 p.m. Thursdays.

Construction volunteer: Expertise in one or more of the following: painting, plumbing, installing insulation, cabinets, light fixtures, landscaping, electrical wiring and fixtures, trim work, dry wall, appliances.

Hours are 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

Contact Brenda Butler at bbutler@harborhabitat.org or 934-5233.

Michigan Blood

Michigan Blood is looking for volunteers to help at blood drives throughout the St. Joseph area.

Volunteers trained in the post-donation area are responsible for socializing with donors, offering fluids and other refreshments after the donation process, and watching out for any adverse reactions.

Volunteer as often or as little as you would like. No experience is necessary, and orientation will be provided. Anyone over the age of 16 can volunteer. An application is required, and Michigan Blood runs reference and background checks.

Contact Terri Drafta, Volunteer Services coordinator, at 585-3761 or tdrafta@miblood.org.

Lakeland Community Hospital, Watervliet

Volunteers are needed to assist in the inpatient and outpatient physical rehabilitation departments. Also needed are front desk volunteers who greet patients and visitors and direct them to the proper location in the hospital. Other jobs include monitoring the waiting rooms, assisting patients with meal selections for the following day or assist with paperwork. Contact Mary Spessard at 463-2292 or mspessard@lakelandregional.org.

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How to fight the lone wolf

The lone wolf is the new national nightmare, dramatized and amplified this week by the hostage-taking attack in Sydney, Australia. But there are two kinds of lone wolves – the crazy and the evil – and the distinction is important.

Charles Krauthammer

The real terrorists are rational. Maj. Nidal Hasan, the Fort Hood shooter, had been functioning as an Army doctor for years. Psychotics cannot carry that off. Hasan even had a business card listing his occupation as S of A (Soldier of Allah). He then went out and, shouting "Allahu Akbar," shot dead 13 fellow soldiers. To this day, Hasan speaks coherently and proudly of the massacre. That's terrorism.

Sydney's Man Haron Monis, on the other hand, was a marginal, alienated Iranian immigrant with a cauldron of psychopathologies. Described by his own former lawyer as "unhinged," Monis was increasingly paranoid. He'd been charged as accessory to the murder of his ex-wife and convicted of sending threatening letters to the families of dead Australian soldiers.

His religiosity was both fanatical and confused. A Shiite recently converted to Sunni Islam, his Internet postings showed not just the zeal of the convert but a remarkable ignorance of Islam and Islamism. He even brought the wrong Islamic banner to the attack. He had to ask the authorities to provide him with an Islamic State flag.

Which led to a frantic search to find an Islamic State connection or conspiracy. But for the disturbed like Monis, the terror group does not provide instructions, it provides a script. It offers the disoriented and deranged a context, a purpose, a chance even at heroism.

I suspect this is the case with most of the recent cluster of lone-wolf terrorist incidents, from the beheading of a fellow worker in Oklahoma to the Queens ax attack on New York City police. We fear these attackers because the psychopathological raw material is everywhere, in the interstices of every society. Normally in and out of mental hospitals, in and out of homelessness, some are now redirected to find a twisted redemption in terror.

Nonetheless, in the scheme of things, the crazies are limited in what they can carry out. They are too disorganized to do more than localized, small-scale damage. The larger danger is the Maj. Hasan with his mental faculties intact and his purpose unwavering.

The still greater threat is organized terror, as we were reminded just hours after Sydney by the Taliban attack on a school in Peshawar that killed at least 148, mostly children.

This is evil in its purest form. Consider that many of the children were killed not by explosive device or sprayed gunfire but by a single bullet to the head, the point-blank execution of an innocent, rivaling in sheer barbarism the mass murders of the Islamic State and its proud videotaped beheadings of hostages.

The purity of such evil is clarifying. It banishes thoughts of negotiation or compromise. Indeed, in response to the Peshawar atrocity, the Pakistani Prime Minister suspended his country's prohibition of the death penalty.

In the face of similar savagery, Barack Obama committed the U.S. to a military campaign against the Islamic State. Which, if successful, would not just affect the region. Reversing the fortunes of the terror masters abroad is the key to diminishing the lone-wolf threat at home.

These groups inspire and influence because of their prestige, which, as for most messianic movements, depends on their successes – measured in growing power, territorial conquest and persuasive propaganda.

You don't find many local terrorists invoking al-Qaida nowadays. They fly the flag of the Islamic State. It is the strong horse, on the rise.

The first line of defense against lone wolves is, of course, protective measures: identification, tracking and pre-emption. But given the sheer number of the disturbed, unstable and potentially impressionable among us, and given the strictures that civil liberties have placed on prior restraint, that defensive posture can take us only so far.

The Islamic State has discovered that the projection of terror does not depend, al-Qaida-style, on sending expeditionary cells to kill infidels abroad. It can do so long-distance by inspiration, by wire, as it were. Which is why the ultimate line of defense against lone wolves is to turn the fortunes of the warrior tribes themselves, the script writers of jihad.

The great new specter is the homegrown terrorist. But he is less homegrown than we imagine. He is fed from abroad. Which is where, as ever since 9/11, the battle must be fought.

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Politicians say the darndest things!

By ANN MCFEATTERS
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Pols say the darndest things!

We have culled from masses of malapropisms, silly statements, dumb observations and, sadly, few words of wisdoms from our national leaders in 2014. Hope it gives you a better idea of what goes on in D.C.

Republican House Speaker John Boehner says he has a tough job that involves many roles. He told Jay Leno, "Some members, I have to be the big brother figure. Some, I have to be the father figure. Others I have to be the dean of students or the principal. Some of them, I have to be the Gestapo."

Musing on future ambitions, he added, "I like to play golf. I like to cut my own grass. You know, I do drink red wine. I smoke cigarettes. And I'm not giving that up to be president of the United States."

Speaking of Boehner, President Obama said at a dinner in 2014 that House Republicans were giving the speaker an even harder time than they gave him, "which means orange really is the new black," referring to Boehner's famous orange tan.

It's hard to beat Obama's 2011 comment in Cincinnati, as he extolled the virtues of the U.S. "We're the country that built the intercontinental railroad," or his boast that he had been in 57 states and still had one to go. Or his campaign declaration, "We worship an awesome God in the Blue States, and we don't like federal agents poking around our libraries in the Red States. We coach Little League in the Blue States and have gay friends in the Red States."

In 2014, in New York, paying homage to the great soul singer Aretha Franklin, Obama mentioned her most famous song, calling it, "RSPECT."

While not a Washingtonian, Thomas Menino, who died in October after being Boston's mayor for 21 years, spent days hanging around the Capitol. He was overheard saying about another politician, "He was a man of great statue."

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., who wants to be elected president in 2016, spoke about the tragic case of the New Yorker killed in a police chokehold for selling loose cigarettes on the street. Paul said on MSNBC he was horrified but added, "I think there's something bigger than just the individual circumstances. I think it's also important to know that some politicians put a tax of $5.85 on a pack of cigarettes, so they've driven cigarettes underground by making them so expensive."

(Paul, a graduate of the Duke University School of Medicine, who became an ophthalmologist, should know about cancer and cigarette taxes.)

Hillary Clinton, who wants to be elected president in 2016, said, "When you're a woman, you know you're being judged constantly. I mean it is just never-ending. And you get a little worried about, OK, you know, people over on this side are loving what I'm wearing, looking like, saying. And people over on this side aren't. Your natural tendency is how do you bring people together so you can better communicate? I'm done with that. I mean, I'm just done."

Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, who wants to be elected president in 2016, campaigned furiously to help Republicans take control of the Senate. He said of his party, "We stand for life. We stand for marriage. We stand for Israel. We repeal Common Core." That is a reference to educational standards passed by individual states, not the federal government. He also pledged a 56th vote to repeal Obamacare. (That won't happen because Republicans lack votes to override an Obama veto.)

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, who wants to be elected president in 2016, was confronted by a man holding a sign protesting that hundreds of Hurricane Sandy victims still had not received aid.

Christie told the man, "Guy, somebody like you doesn't know a d-n thing about what you're talking about except to stand up and show off when the cameras are here." He told the protester to "sit down and shut up."

(Two years after the hurricane, only $802 million of the $3.26 billion the federal government has provided to New Jersey has been paid out to homeless residents, leaving thousands without help.)

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., never known for charisma, and just deposed as Senate majority leader, was recalling being visited by Brad Pitt. As they posed for photographers, Reid asked, "How will they tell us apart?"

So many pols; so little time.

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LETTERS

Corner tree lot brings back many fond Christmas memories

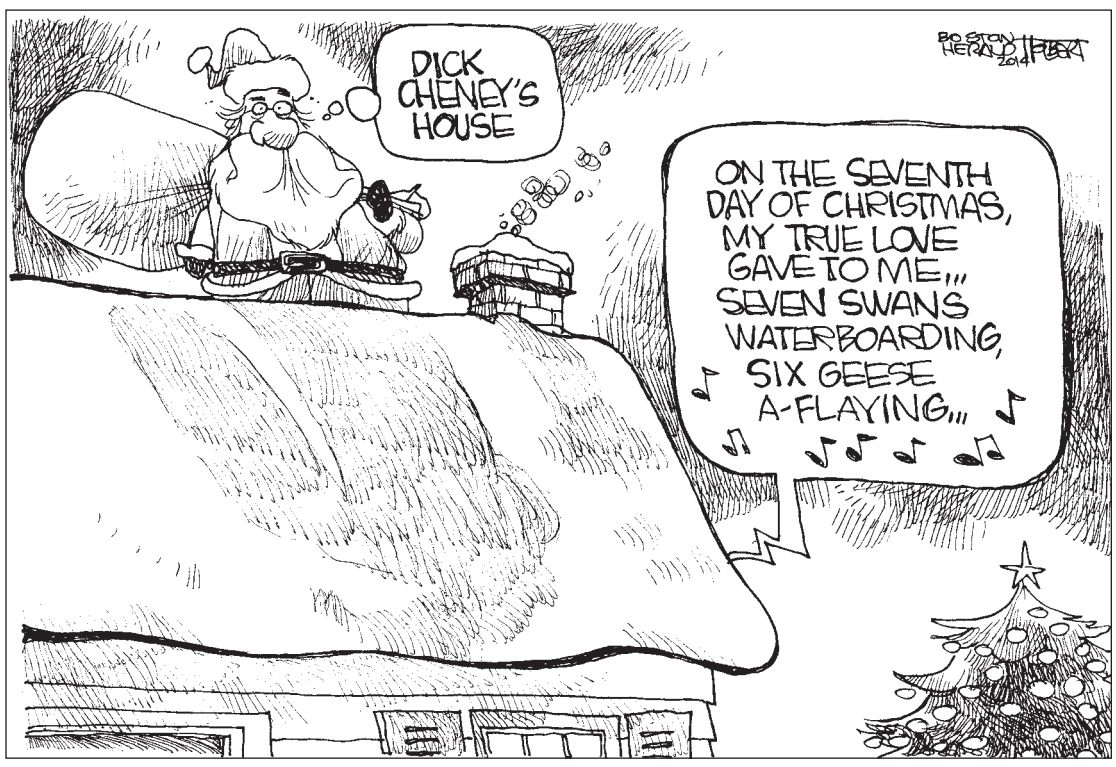
Editor,

I wrote a letter to Duffy's Tree Lot at the corner of Napier and Broadway, which the post office would not deliver for one reason or another, so this is my letter to Duffy's:

Dear Duffy's Christmas Trees: Thank you so much for coming back to Benton Harbor with your trees once again. This brings back many memories of my growing up in Chicago in the 1940s, when there were tree lots all over the city. It was always cold, snowy and slushy when we went looking for our tree. My mother, my Uncle George, my brother Joe, and myself went on the adventure of finding the perfect tree. Uncle George always got the biggest, bushiest tree to tie atop our car, and we always had to cut it down – top and bottom – to make it fit into our tiny house.

Now my husband and I are old and cannot even put up our "fake" tree this year, but we have our memories of many real trees in our past. Please keep coming back to our area. I love you and your trees. Someday I hope to have the pleasure of having one of your trees.

Virginia Sansone
Benton Harbor



Saddened by lawsuit filed against Pokagon Fund

Editor,

To all our grantees, friends and community members who came out to support The Pokagon Fund on Monday at the New Buffalo Township meeting – I offer you a heartfelt thank you. Your support means the world to the board and staff of TPF. And even though each of you who spoke tried to convince the township elected officials NOT to file suit against TPF, the township went into closed session and voted to do just that, and sued TPF the following day.

It saddens me that they chose to do this during the Christmas season. This negativity distracts us from this blessed holiday, and New Buffalo doesn't need any more negativity. It saddens me that the elected officials didn't listen to you, the community members, the voters. But mostly it saddens me that the township refused TPF's request for mediation. TPF wanted to work this out to everyone's satisfaction, but the township's elected officials chose another path, litigation.

TPF will need your continued support in the New Year, but for now, enjoy this holiday season, your family and friends. We at TPF feel honored to know each of you and be some small part of your extended family.

Mary Dunbar
Executive Director
The Pokagon Fund

Bring nurses into the hospital boardroom – stat

By SUSAN B. HASSMILLER and SUSAN REINHARD
Tribune News Service

Some of the largest health care systems in America do not have any nurses serving on their boards of directors. That is a huge oversight, especially in a time of rapid change in health care delivery, when consumers and providers would benefit from having nurses' frontline perspective present in boardrooms as health care policy decisions are made.

Last month, nurse leaders from 21 national nursing and other health-related organizations came together to change that. The nursing leaders launched the national Nurses on Boards Coalition, which has a goal to put 10,000 nurses on boards of corporate and nonprofit health care organizations by 2020.

The effort is a direct response to the Institute of Medicine's (IOM) call in 2010 for nurses to play more pivotal decision-making roles on boards and commissions in improving the health of all Americans. The IOM's landmark report, "The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health," established that strong leadership from nurses is an essential element in transforming health care delivery and improving patient care.

It seems the IOM's call has not reached much of America.

The American Hospital Association's (AHA) Trustee Magazine in September summed it up best: "Without a nurse trustee, boards lack an authority on the patient experience, quality and safety, and perspective from the largest part of the hospital workforce."

The absence of nurses in leadership positions comes as hospitals, medical groups and insurance companies claim they've become more patient-friendly in a health care system increasingly putting more emphasis on prevention.

While doctors fill 20 percent of hospital board seats, nurses comprise just 6 percent, reported Trustee Magazine, which cited the most recent American Hospital Association governance survey.

The dearth of nurses serving on boards stands in stark contrast to the fact that nurses comprise the largest segment of the U.S. health care workforce – at 3 million strong. More than any other health care provider, nurses bring the perspective of the patient.

Consider that nursing practice covers health promotion, disease prevention, coordination of care, cure and palliative care when cure is not possible. Nurses provide the majority of care in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and outpatient settings. They are on the frontlines in making sure care is delivered safely, effectively and compassionately in these and other settings. And nurses are the ones who not only tend to patients' physical health needs but also respond to their social, mental and spiritual needs.

With federal health care reform, health care providers are in the midst of reworking care delivery to make it more accessible, accountable and affordable, while putting an emphasis on prevention and primary care. Nurses already play a huge role on the frontlines. It's time they begin playing a role in the boardroom too, bringing both their practical sensibilities and view of patient care experiences to the table.

The nation's largest health care philanthropy, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), and the 38 million-member AARP, believe nurses must have a voice in the boardrooms of the health care organizations we trust to care for us. Backed by RWJF and AARP, the Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action is driven by the IOM's evidence-based recommendations. Nurse representation is our best hope of truly achieving high-quality care that is accessible, affordable and compassionate.

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With hackers running rampant, why would we allow government backdoor access to data?

By RON WYDEN
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

Hardly a week goes by without a new report of some massive data theft that has put financial information, trade secrets or government records into the hands of computer hackers.

The best defense against these attacks is clear: strong data encryption and more secure technology systems.

The leaders of U.S. intelligence agencies hold a different view. Most prominently, James Comey, the FBI director, is lobbying Congress to require that electronics manufacturers create intentional security holes – so-called back doors – that would enable the government to access data on every American's cellphone and computer, even if it is protected by strong encryption.

Unfortunately, there are no magic keys that can be used only by good guys for legitimate reasons. There is only strong security or weak security.

Americans are demanding strong security for their personal data. Comey and others are suggesting that security features shouldn't be too strong, because this could interfere with surveillance conducted for law enforcement or intelligence purposes. The problem with this logic is that building a back door into every cellphone, tablet, or laptop means deliberately creating weaknesses that hackers and foreign governments can exploit. Mandating back doors also removes the incentive for companies to develop more secure products at the time people need them most; if you're building a wall with a hole in it, how much are you going invest in locks and barbed wire? What these officials are proposing would be bad for personal data security and bad for business and must be opposed by Congress.

In Silicon Valley several weeks ago I convened a roundtable of executives from America's most innovative tech companies. They made it clear that widespread availability of data encryption technology is what consumers are demanding.

It is also good public policy. For years, officials of intelligence agencies like the NSA, as well as the Department of Justice, made misleading and outright inaccurate statements before Congress about their data surveillance programs. Not once, but repeatedly over more than a decade. These agencies spied on huge numbers of law-abiding Americans, and their dragnet surveillance of Americans' data did not make our country safer.

Most Americans accept that there are times their government needs to rely on clandestine methods of intelligence gathering to protect national security and ensure public safety. But they also expect government agencies and officials to operate within the boundaries of the law, and they now know how egregiously intelligence agencies abused their trust.

There are no magic keys that can be used only by good guys for legitimate reasons. There is only strong security or weak security.

This breach of trust is also hurting U.S. technology companies' bottom line, particularly when trying to sell services and devices in foreign markets. The president's own surveillance review group noted that concern about U.S. surveillance policies "can directly reduce the market share of U.S. companies." One industry estimate suggests that lost market share will cost just the U.S. cloud computing sector $21 billion to $35 billion over the next three years.

Tech firms are now investing heavily in new systems, including encryption, to protect consumers from cyber attacks and rebuild the trust of their customers. As one participant at my roundtable put it, "I'd be shocked if anyone in the industry takes the foot off the pedal in terms of building security and encryption into their products."

Built-in backdoors have been tried elsewhere with disastrous results. In 2005, for example, Greece discovered that dozens of its senior government officials' phones had been under surveillance for nearly a year. The eavesdropper was never identified, but the vulnerability was clear: built-in wiretapping features intended to be accessible only to government agencies following a legal process.

Chinese hackers have proved how aggressively they will exploit any security vulnerability. A report last year by a leading cyber security company identified more than 100 intrusions in U.S. networks from a single cyber espionage unit in Shanghai. As another tech company leader told me, "Why would we leave a backdoor lying around?"

Why indeed. The U.S. House of Representatives recognized how dangerous this idea was and in June approved 293-123, a bipartisan amendment that would prohibit the government from mandating that technology companies build security weaknesses into any of their products. I introduced legislation in the Senate to accomplish the same goal, and will again at the start of the next session.

Technology is a tool that can be put to legitimate or illegitimate use. And advances in technology always pose a new challenge to law enforcement agencies. But curtailing innovation on data security is no solution, and certainly won't restore public trust in tech companies or government agencies. Instead we should give law enforcement and intelligence agencies the resources that they need to adapt, and give the public the data security they demand.

Ron Wyden, D-Ore., is a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Wanted: HP Opinion Maker columnists

Are you creative? Do you like to write? Is your inner pundit screaming to get out?

We may have the perfect outlet for your creative energy, as The Herald-Palladium is seeking candidates to write opinion columns.

Winning candidates will be included among our line-up of Opinion Maker columnists published on the Wednesday Opinion page. Columnists generally submit one column every other month, totaling six a year.

If interested, please submit three writing samples. We prefer that you submit complete columns, either published or unpublished. The optimal length for a column is between 600-800 words, and preference will be given to columns written about local and state issues. Personal experience and humor columns also are encouraged.

Along with samples, please include a brief description of yourself. A resume will suffice but is not required. Candidates must be residents of Southwest Michigan.

Submissions should be emailed to Local News Editor Dale Brewer at dbrewer@thehp.com. Please write "opinion maker" in the subject line of the email.

If you don't have email, submissions may be dropped off at the front desk of The Herald-Palladium, or mailed to: The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

All submissions must be typed, and candidates should include contact information, preferably an email address.

This is a non-paid position.

Keep talking, Andrew Hawkins

Last Sunday, before the game between the Cleveland Browns and the Cincinnati Bengals, Cleveland wide receiver Andrew Hawkins walked out on the pregame field wearing a T-shirt to challenge our nation's conscience.

The front of his shirt read, "Justice for Tamir Rice and John Crawford III." On the back: "The real Battle of Ohio."

Connie Schultz

I wish I could assume that everyone knows about Tamir Rice and John Crawford by now and I could just get to what happened next, but I know that's not true. So much recent coverage of our nation's nightmare has focused, rightfully so, on two other unarmed black males who died at the hands of police, one in a shooting in Ferguson, Mo., and one in a chokehold in Staten Island, N.Y.

We've got a deep brew of racial tension roiling in Ohio, too. I was born and raised here and call Cleveland home. This is personal – and in the worst way, because here we are blinking fast and trying to explain how we didn't stop the trouble we could see coming.

Some who do know about Tamir Rice and John Crawford will take issue with my use of the word "other," as in other unarmed black males, because unlike Michael Brown and Eric Garner, Tamir and Crawford were wielding air guns. You can buy these off the shelf at Wal-Mart, which is where Crawford was standing when he was killed in suburban Dayton. Their pellet guns were no match for police bullets. Some people like to move right past that life-altering fact as if it were just a footnote, but the gravestones tell the story.

Also, I wince every time I write "males" rather than the more human-sounding "men," but Tamir Rice was only 12 years old when he was gunned down last month in a public park two seconds after the police car pulled up virtually next to him. He was six years from manhood, and any mother who has raised a son knows that's a made-up milestone anyway.

After Andrew Hawkins wore that T-shirt on the field, the white lame-duck president of the Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association demanded an apology from the Browns, who refused.

Calling Hawkins' protest "pathetic," Jeff Follmer said athletes "should stick to what they know best on the field." He doubled down in an interview with MSNBC's Ari Melber, declaring "justified" Tamir Rice's death, which is under investigation. He also offered this bit of advice to Americans concerned about excessive use of police force:

"How about this: Listen to police officers' commands. Listen to what we tell you, and just stop. I think that eliminates a lot of problems."

Follmer's equally white successor, Steve Loomis, offered a long-winded response to Cleveland's Scene magazine, including a review of entertainers when it comes to political skills – "incredibly under qualified" – and a likening of football players such as Hawkins to the Dixie Chicks.

With tag team precision, Follmer and Loomis delivered a double whammy of head-smacking outrage for those of us who are both white and supporters of organized labor.

A little purple- and cream-colored booklet sits next to my keyboard as I type. It's my union father's 1974 AFL-CIO Song Book, issued, if you can believe it, by the Department of Education. On Page 21, wedged between the songs "Joe Hill" and "You Gotta Go Down," is the anthem of the civil rights movement, "We Shall Overcome."

The days are long gone – decades gone – when a white guy could flash his union card and order a black man to keep his mouth shut.

So, let's talk about that remarkable young man named Andrew Hawkins.

Hours after he wore that T-shirt, he faced a throng of news cameras and, in a soft, unscripted voice, explained to the nation why he would not be silent. His name is Austin. He's 2 years old.

"That little boy is my entire world," Hawkins said Monday about his son. "And the No. 1 reason for me wearing the T-shirt was the thought of what happened to Tamir Rice happening to my little Austin" – deep breath – "scares the living hell out of me." His voice began to break. "And my heart was broken for the parents of Tamir and John Crawford, knowing they had to live that nightmare of a reality."

For the rest of his life – and may it be a long and glorious one – Austin Hawkins will know that his father loved him this much. A boy so certain of his father's devotion becomes a man certain of his place in the world.

May he outlive all who would insist he just shut up.

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ANOTHER OPINION

New day for Cuba-U.S. relations

First things first: The release of Alan Gross, which this newspaper has called for practically from the moment he was detained five years ago, is indeed welcome news. All Americans should all rejoice in his freedom. "The best Hanukkah," the overjoyed Gross told reporters. "What a blessing it is to be a citizen of this country."

Second; This is a new beginning, a milestone in U.S.-Cuba relations, but President Obama's opening to Cuba is not yet the "game-changer" others have labeled it. The game won't change until Cuba makes effective, substantive moves toward democratic reform in Cuba.

Third: Raul Castro told the nation on Wednesday that Cuba agreed to restore full diplomatic relations "without renouncing a single one of our principles." If those principles include maintaining a chokehold on liberty inside Cuba, the hopes of the Cuban people and the exile community will be dashed once again.

Fourth: The Obama administration managed to get Alan Gross home without falling into the trap of engaging in a hostage-for-spies swap. Gross was not, never has been, an intelligence asset and never should have been in prison. The swap of an American intelligence agent imprisoned in Cuba for the three convicted Cuban spies in U.S. prisons that was part of the arrangement that brought Gross home, together with the release of Cuban political prisoners, has numerous Cold War precedents, however. Why it could not have been arranged earlier, before Gross came close to dying in a Cuban prison, remains a major unanswered question.

Fifth: The intervention of Pope Francis, who made a personal appeal on behalf of Gross to both Barack Obama and Raul Castro, played a crucial role in Wednesday's developments. So did his willingness to allow the Vatican to be the site of a crucial negotiating session last month between diplomats from the United States and Cuba. His role reflects the larger global view that the half-century-long diplomatic estrangement between the United States and Cuba should come to an end for the good of all.

Sixth: President Obama promised that the United States would not relent in efforts to help the Cuban people. "We are calling on Cuba to unleash the potential of 11 million Cubans by ending unnecessary restrictions on their political, social, and economic activities." That should remain the guiding principle of American policy toward Cuba, with or without sanctions.

– Miami Herald

Another term for profiling? Common sense generalizing

By DAVID RUBINSTEIN
Chicago Tribune (TNS)

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder has promised a campaign to end profiling "once and for all." This despite the fact that, as former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani recently pointed out, blacks account for a highly disproportionate amount of crime.

Black males are murdered at a rate of 31.7 per 100,000 – 93 percent at the hands of other blacks – while white males are murdered at a rate of 3.9 per 100,000.

Given these statistics, what is the difference between profiling and common sense generalizing?

We routinely judge the likelihood of threat and act accordingly. A cop who receives a report of an armed robbery – with no further information – would surely use his judgment about whom to scrutinize. Not the nun, not the 80 year old with a cane, maybe the guy with the teardrop tattoo at the corner of his eye.

How could race not be part of this calculus?

The Rev. Jesse Jackson has admitted to racial profiling: "There is nothing more painful to me at this stage in my life than to walk down the street and hear footsteps and start thinking about robbery, then look around and see someone white and feel relieved."

While profiling is often characterized as pernicious and irrational, you can't get through the day without it. Countless decisions are based on, usually informal, statistical judgments. I am wary of pit bulls, not Pekingese or sparrows.

The curious thing about those who denounce profiling is that they have no problem doing so when it suits them. It's OK for black parents to warn their sons about cops, especially white cops.

Not profiling, regarding everyone as of equal threat, is foolish and dangerous. At an airport I watched as an old man was pulled out of line for intensive scrutiny. He looked to be well into his 70s. And he was blind. He and his wife were distraught. But apparently his number had come up, and no matter how absurd – and cruel – the procedure, he needed to be checked.

When all airline passengers are equally suspect, surveillance is diluted. Time spent harassing this old guy could have surely been better spent. Acknowledging that profiling works, the recent Justice Department injunction against profiling excludes borders and airports.

A particular kind of profiling is dismissed as Islamophobia, an irrational fear presumably on par with ablutophobia (the fear of bathing) or anthrophobia (the fear of flowers). But can anyone who has read a newspaper in the last 20 years dismiss the threat of Islamic terrorism?

Profiling is unavoidably unfair to individuals. But those so targeted should understand it is a fact of life that those who resemble those who threaten will be viewed with suspicion. Group membership matters and symbols convey information. Tattoo a teardrop in the corner of your eye and police will notice.

Like everyone else, I have been profiled. One night in Chicago, I noticed a woman walking about 50 feet in front of me. She glanced nervously over her shoulder and quickened her pace. If I had been a woman, a young boy or an old man, would she have reacted this way? Unlikely. She quite properly used age and gender as indicia of threat. Far from being angry I felt bad for having unintentionally frightened this woman. I crossed the street and slowed my pace.

Surely there are cases of improper and prejudicial profiling. We ought to be especially careful of profiling by race, national origin or religion. But I suspect that few police profile by race alone. Surely gender, age, dress and demeanor figure into their judgments.

According to data analyzed by the news service ProPublica, 78 percent of those killed by black officers are black while just 46 percent of those killed by white officers are black. This may – in part – reflect differential police assignments: black officers assigned to black neighborhoods and whites to white neighborhoods. But it is not clear that race plays any role in police killings – and there is no evidence that race played a role in the deaths of Eric Garner or Michael Brown.

In light of racial differences in crime rates, black lives will be saved by judicious profiling.

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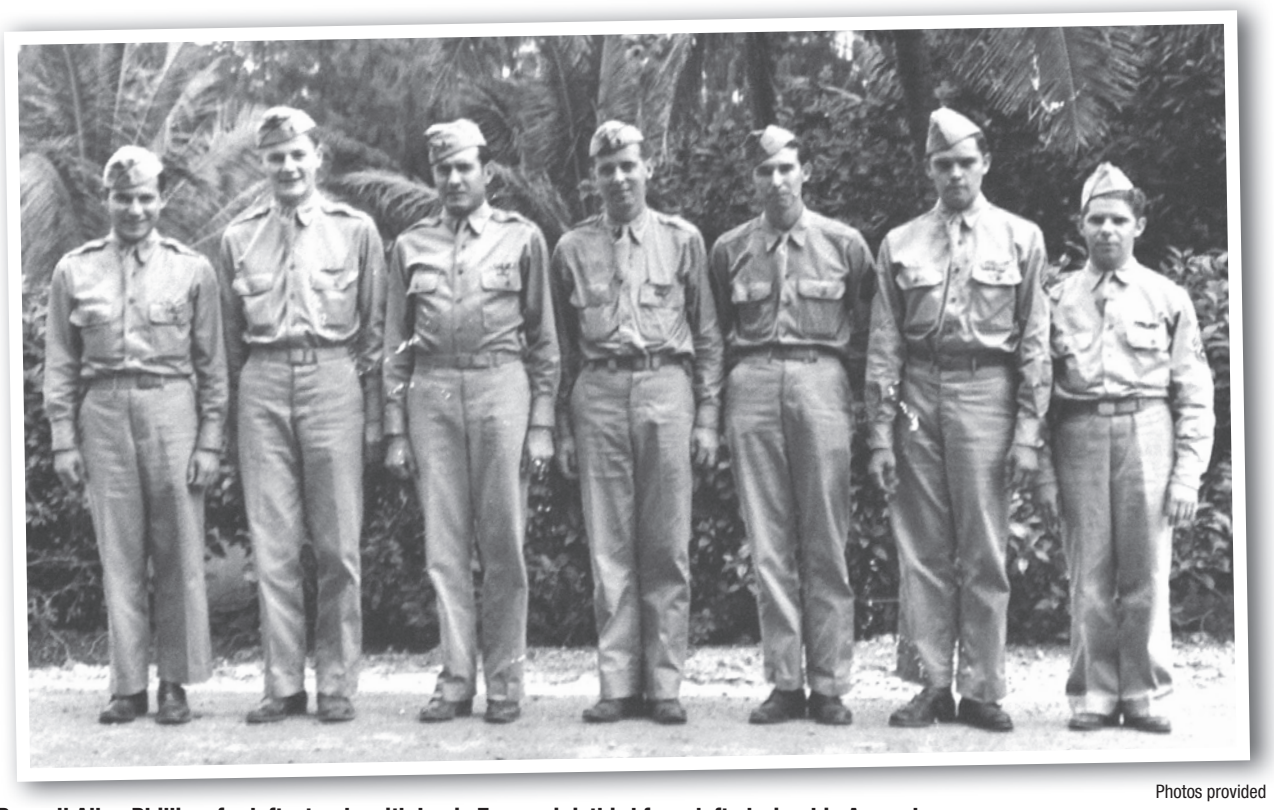

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Russell Allen Phillips, far left, stands with Louis Zamperini, third from left, during his Army days.

Fighting for survival

Former La Porte, Ind., man portrayed in 'Unbroken'

By MATT FRITZ
For The Herald-Palladium

La PORTE, Ind. — One of the war stories Karen Loomis remembers hearing from her late father Russell Allen Phillips was about feeding in a Japanese prison cell.

A captured POW during World War II, Phillips, along with other prisoners in the camp, would occasionally be tossed balls of rice from the prison guards. The balls would land in the cells, which also were used as latrines, and the inmates would have to pick out maggots and other bugs from the food.

The place was dark and cool. The inmates were wet. The cells had dirt floors and were infested with vermin. And one time Phillips, a 1934 La Porte High School graduate, woke up to find a rat sitting on his forehead.

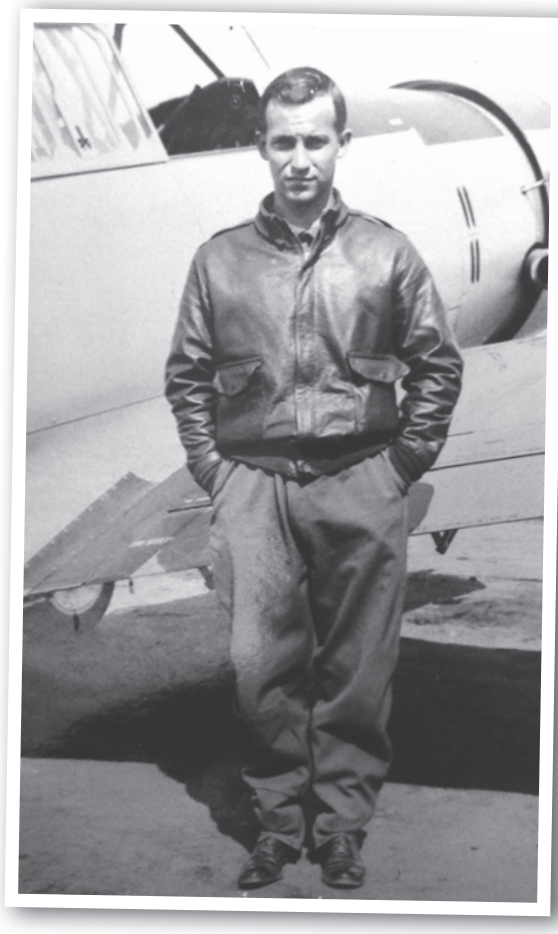
And this followed 47 days of starving on a raft with crew members Louis Zamperini and tail gunner Francis McNamara after their plane crashed in the Pacific.

According to Loomis, it was one part of his life captured particularly well by the new film "Unbroken."

"It awes me that Dad went through this," she said, "and that thousands of service people were willing to go through this and did."

A movie based on Laura Hildebrand's book "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption," the film follows the military experiences of Phillips, a former teacher in La Porte, and Zamperini, a 1936 Olympic runner.

It is directed by Academy Award winner Angelina Jolie and opens in theaters Christmas Day.



Russell Allen Phillips stands next to a plane in 1942 or 1943.

Survival story

According to a 1943 article in the Herald-Argus, Phillips was one of the bomb squadron pilots in the Christmas Eve raid on Japan that dropped more than 75,000 pounds of bombs on Wake Island. Zamperini was listed as Phillips' bombardier for that flight.

And their missions were often dangerous. Phillips' son Chris, an Army veteran himself, said his father returned from one bombing mission with 594 bullet holes in the fuselage of his plane

But while searching for a missing plane off Oahu, Hawaii, a mechanical failure sent Phillips' plane crashing into the Pacific, killing all of his crew except for himself, Zamperini and McNamara.

A Sept. 10, 1945, story in the Herald-Argus credited Zamperini with pulling Phillips and McNamara into the raft. Little squalls gave them a mouthful of water every seven days, and their food consisted of two tiny fish, a two-and-a-half-foot shark (Zamperini reportedly pulled its liver out with a pair of pliers), three small birds and four albatrosses, all of which they caught by hand.

During this time they were shot at by Japanese planes and menaced by sharks.

"Oh, one shark poked his snout

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Black Captain America leading push for comic book diversity

By JESSE J. HOLLAND
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For decades, comic books have been in color, but now they truly reflect all the hues of American society.

The new Captain America is black. A Superman who is suspiciously similar to President Barack Obama recently headlined a comic book. Thor is a woman, Spider-Man is part-Puerto Rican and Ms. Marvel is Muslim.

Mainstream comic book superheroes – America's modern mythology – have been redrawn from the stereotypical brown-haired, blue-eyed white male into a world of multicolored, multireligious and multigendered crusaders to reflect a greater diversity in their audience.

Society has changed, so superheroes have to as well, said Axel Alonso, editor in chief at Marvel Comics, who in November debuted Captain America No. 1 with Samuel Wilson, the first African-American superhero taking over Captain America's red, white and blue uniform and shield.

"Roles in society aren't what they used to be. There's far more diversity," said Alonso, who has also shepherded a gay wedding in the X-Men, a gender change from male to female in Thor and the first mainstream female Muslim hero in Ms. Marvel.

The change to a black Captain America is already having an impact outside of comics.

Even before the first issue was published, unauthorized images of the black Captain America were shown at a town hall meeting in St. Louis following the funeral of Michael Brown, who was 18 and unarmed when he was killed by a white police officer. This Captain America had his hands up saying "Don't Shoot," a slogan protesters have used to highlight the number of African Americans killed by police.

"When you take an African-American man and

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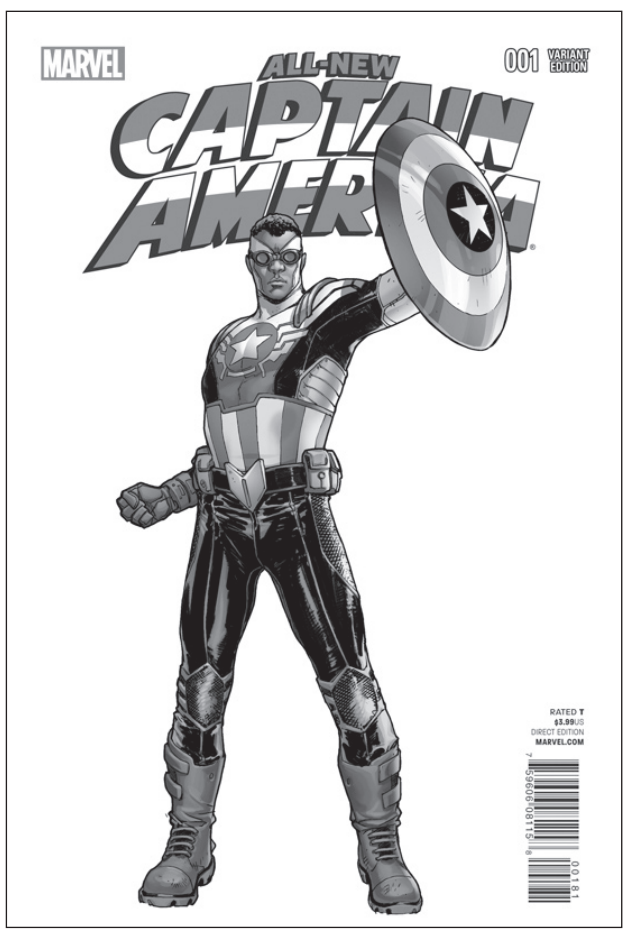

Marvel photo

The cover of "All-New Captain America," which debuted in November. Marvel Comics and DC Comics are leading a push for diversity in their industry's mainstream characters.

Prime Time TV

SUNDAY EVENING DEC. 21

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	:00 ★★★★ **The Sound of Music Sing-Along** ('65, Musical) Julie Andrews. A governess weds an Austrian widower with seven children.						
CBS (2)(3)(22)	**60 Minutes** (N)		**Undercover Boss** (N)		**The Mentalist** "Black Market" (N)		**CSI: Cri. Scene**
NBC (5)(8)(16)	:00 **Football Night in America** (N)		:20 **NFL Football** Seattle Seahawks at Arizona Cardinals. (N) (L)				
FOX (17)(28)(32)	**Bob's Burgers**	**The Simpsons**	**Brooklyn Nine-Nine**	**Family Guy**	**Bob's Burgers**	**Fox 17 News at 10:00PM** (N)	
PBS (34)	**Penn High**	**Tales From the Royal Bedchamber**		**Masterpiece Classic** (DVS)		**Masterpiece Classic** (DVS)	
CW (25)	**Big Bang Theory**	★★ **Major League** ('89, Comedy) Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen.				**News**	**King of Queens**
MNT (50)	**Paid Program**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Big Bang Theory**	**Laughs**	**Anger**
WCIU (26)	**Mike & Molly**	**Mr. Box Office**	**Mr. Box Office**	**The First Family**	**The First Family**	**Family Guy**	**Raising Hope**
WHME (46)	**Partners in Faith**	**Paid Program**	**Jack Van Impe**	**Perry Stone**	**End of the Age**	**Joyce Meyer**	**Israel Tour Feb**
WSBT (22)	**The Good Wife**	★★★ **Christmas Angel in the House** ('11) Toni Collette, Ioan Gruffudd.				**News**	**Buck McNeely**
A&E	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	**Storage Wars**	
AMC	**Santa Claus**	★★ **The Santa Clause 2** ('02) Tim Allen. Santa must get married in order to keep his job.					**Santa Claus**
Animal	**North-**	**North Woods Law**		**North Woods Law**		**North Woods Law**	
BET	★★ **This Christmas**		:29 **Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself**				
Big Ten	**Big Ten**	**Journey**	**Big Ten Elite**		**Icons**	**Big Ten Basketball**	
Bravo	**House-wives/Atl.**	**The Real Housewives of Atlanta** "Nice to Metria" (N)			**The Real Housewives of Atlanta**		**House-wives/Atl.**
Cartoon	**Regular**	**Sit Down**	**King/Hill**	**King/Hill**	**Burgers**	**Burgers**	**Fam. Guy**
Cinemax	★★ **The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey**		★★ **The Purge** ('13, Suspense) Ethan Hawke.			★★ **Swordfish** ('01) John Travolta.	
CMT	5:30 ★★ **The Guardian**			**Cops Rel.**	**Cops Rel.**	**Cops Rel.**	**Cops Rel.**
CNBC	**On**	**60 Minutes on CNBC**		**60 Minutes on CNBC**		**Amer. Greed**	
CNN	**Report**	**Back to the Beginning-Amanpour**				**Back-Beginning**	
Comedy	**Scary 2**	7:55 ★★ **The House Bunny** ('08)				**The Hangover**	
CSNC	**Sports**	**Bensinger**	**Poker**	**World Poker**		**Heartland Poker**	
Discovery	**Last Frontier**	**Alaska: The Last Frontier Exposed** (N)		**Alaska: The Last Frontier** (N)		**Edge of Alaska: Legends of the North** (N)	
Disney	**Girl**	**Toy Story**	★★★ **Arthur Christmas**			**Rebels**	**Dog**
DIY	**Rehab**	**Rehab**	**Rehab**	**Salvage**	**Salvage**	**Salvage**	**Salvage**
E!	**Hamptons**	**Take the Hamptons**		**Take the Hamptons**		**House of DVF**	
Encore	**Some-thing-Talk**	★★ **The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones** ('13) Lily Collins. iTV (P).				:15 ★★ **Ronin** ('98) Robert De Niro.	
ESPN	:00 **SportsCenter** (N)		**30 for 30**				**Two/Title**
ESPN2	**Bsk Hour**	**Poker APAC**		**Poker APAC**		**Poker APAC**	
ESPNC	:00 **30 for 30**			**30 for 30**			
Family	★★★ **Home Alone** ('90) Macaulay Culkin. A left-behind boy battles two burglars in the house.					★★★ **The Polar Express** ('04)	
Food	**Grocery**	**Guy's Games**		**Top 10 Restaurants**		**Cutthroat Kitchen** (N)	
Fox News	**Report**	**Huckabee**		**FOX News Special**		**Stossel**	
Fox Sports	**NHL Hockey**		**Red Wings Live** (N)		**Wingspan**	**World Poker**	
FX	5:30 **Looper**	★★★ **Prometheus** ('12) Noomi Rapace. Explorers wage a terrifying battle to save mankind's future.					**Pro-metheus**
G4	**Tough**	**Wrecking**	**Wrecking**	**Wrecking**	**Wrecking**	**Soup**	**Soup**
Golf	:00 **The Greatest Game Ever Played**				**The Greatest Game Ever Played**		
Hallmark	**Christmas**	**A Royal Christmas** ('14, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Stephen Hagan.				**Help for the Holidays** ('12)	
HBO	5:30 **Divergent**	7:55 ★★★ **Lone Survivor** ('13, War) Mark Wahlberg, Taylor Kitsch.				**Comeback**	**Comeback**
History	**Ax Men**	**Ax Men**		**Ax Men** (N)		**Alaska Off-Road**	
HGTV	**Love-List**	**Hawaii**	**Hawaii**	**Beach**	**Beach**	**Hunters**	**Hunt Intl**
Learning	**90 Day**	**90 Day Fiance**		**90 Day Fiance** (N)		:01 **My Five Wives**	
Lifetime	★★ **Christmas With the Kranks**			★★ **Christmas With the Kranks** ('04)			
MSNBC	**Caught**	**Pot Barons**		**Pot Barons**		**Pot Barons**	
MTV	6:35 ★★ **She's Out of My League**				★ **Friday After Next** ('02)		
NFL	**NFL GameDay High.**		**NFL GameDay High.**		**NFL GameDay High.**		**GameDay**
Nick	**Sponge.**	**Full H'se**	**Full H'se**	**Full H'se**	**Full H'se**	**Prince**	**Prince**
NGEO	**Lost Gold**	**Guerrilla Gold Rush**		**The Quest for Gold** (N)			
Oxygen	:00 **Snapped**	**Snapped** "Caren Pressley-Brown"		**Snapped** "Julia Phillips" (N)		**Snapped** The search for a missing man.	
Showtime	:00 **Home-land**	**The Affair**		**Homeland** Carrie and Saul investigate.		**The Affair** ((F)) (N)	
Spike	6:34 ★★ **Safe** ('12)			★★★ **Training Day** ('01) Scott Glenn			
Starz	**Heaven Is for Real**	7:55 **The Missing** (iTV)		**The Missing** Tony covers up his tracks.		:05 **Something's Gotta Give**	
SyFy	:00 **Battle of the Damned** ('13, Action) Dolph Lundgren.			★★ **Blade: Trinity** ('04, Horror) Wesley Snipes, Kris Kristofferson, Jessica Biel.			
TBS	**Diary of Mad**	★★ **Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail** ('09) Tyler Perry, Derek Luke. (DVS)				★★ **Diary of a Mad Black Woman**	
TCM	5:45 **Gigi** ('58)	**Santa's Workshop**	**The Disneyland Story**		★★★ **The Reluctant Dragon** ('41) Robert Benchley.		
TMC	**Double Jeopardy**	★★★ **Kill Bill: Vol. 1** ('03, Action) Uma Thurman, Lucy Liu, Vivica A. Fox.				★★★ **Fruitvale Station** ('13)	
TNT	**Cowboys**	**The Librarians** (N)		★★ **Four Christmases** ('08)			
Travel	**Ext. RVs**	**The Layover**		**The Layover**		**The Layover**	
TV Land	:43 **The Golden Girls**		**Gold Girls**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**King**	**King**
USA	**Forrest Gump**	**Jingle All the Way 2** ('14) Larry the Cable Guy, Anthony Carelli. (P).				**Chrisley Knows**	**Chrisley Knows**
VH1	**SNL**	**Saturday Night Live**				**Diva's Cmas**	
WGN-A	:08 ★ **The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause** ('06)			:12 ★★★ **The Muppet Christmas Carol** ('92, Fantasy) Michael Caine.			

TV THIS WEEK

'The Sound of Music'

Tonight: You're invited to sing along with the Von Trapp clan during the annual holiday airing of "The Sound of Music." Don't worry: This is the "real" one with Julie Andrews, not the live one with Carrie Underwood. 7 p.m., ABC.

'Homeland'

Tonight: Claire Danes, Mandy Patinkin and company have revived our interest in this spy thriller with a turbo-charged fourth season that, sadly, comes to an end this week. We can only hope our heroes make it out of strife-torn Islamabad alive. 9 p.m., Showtime.

'The Affair'

Tonight: We have no idea what will happen to star-crossed lovers Noah and Alison (Dominic West and Ruth Wilson) when "The Affair" wraps up its scintillating first season tonight. But as usual, we'll be riveted to our sofas and loudly scolding them both. 10 p.m., Showtime.

'Antiques Roadshow: The Boomer Years'

Monday: A letter from the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., an Elvis Presley poster and some Charles Schulz comic strip art are among the items presented on "Antiques Roadshow: The Boomer Years." It's a nostalgic look at vintage treasures from the 1940s, '50s and '60s. 8 p.m., PBS.

'One Direction: The TV Special'

Tuesday: Don't be alarmed. Those high-pitched screams you hear being emitted by teen girls are for "One Direction: The TV Special." It features backstage footage from the band's concert tour and follows the blokes as they recorded their new album. 8 p.m., NBC.

'The Year: 2014'

Tuesday: "The Year: 2014" has host Robin Roberts reviewing some of the biggest stories of the past 12 months, including the unrest in Ferguson, Missouri, the Ebola virus and the fight against the Islamic State group. 9 p.m., ABC

'It's a Wonderful Life'

Wednesday: Yes, we'll take one more hearty swig of "It's a Wonderful Life." While we're at it, here's a toast to George Bailey, the "richest man in town." 8 p.m., NBC.

'A Christmas Story'

Wednesday: We triple-dog dare you to watch all 24 hours of the annual marathon screening of "A Christmas Story." Bonus points if you can refrain from shooting up your TV set with a Red Ryder BB gun. 8 p.m., TBS.

'Call the Midwife Holiday Special'

Thursday: The "Call the Midwife Holiday Special" has an older Jenny reflecting on how she missed the Nonnatus

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into my face as if he were sniffing me like a dog," Zamperini said in the article. "I opened my eyes wide and stared into his, and he turned away. I kept the others off by kicking and punching them on the nose and by twisting my body from the paths of their charges by swinging on a rope under the raft."

McNamara reportedly died around the 33rd day. Phillips and Zamperini were picked up by a Japanese ship while paddling to an island on the 47th day. They had traveled some 2,400 miles. Chris said both men were tied to the mast of the Japanese ship to keep them from escaping.

They were soon transferred to Kwajalein Atoll, where, according to the article, they were made to dance and whistle for the amusement of the guards, who also poked them with long sticks. When Phillips was asked if Japan would win the war, he reportedly said "no" and was punched twice in the face.

Zamperini reportedly gave the same answer and suffered a broken nose. The two were eventually split up and sent to different camps. According to the article they spent more than two years in those prisons.

Photo provided

Russell Allen Phillips, second from left, stands with his son Chris, left, his daughter Karen, second from right, and his wife Cecy in 1966.

The film

In the movie, Phillips is played by Domhnall Gleeson, who also is set to appear in J.J. Abrams' "Star Wars: Episode VII."

Loomis said Gleeson does an excellent job in the movie. She said the actor contacted her numerous times before filming to get the part of her father down right.

"I liked (Gleeson) very much," she said. "... He was extremely dedicated to the part. They had to lose a lot of weight for the raft and the prison camp scenes, and got down to skin and bones, which showed an enormous amount of dedication."

The only part she noted was particularly wrong was the hair color chosen for Phillips in the film: blond. She said her father didn't have a blond hair on his head.

Loomis, who was given a special screening of the film several weeks ago, said she was impressed with the production.

"It was very powerfully done," she said. "It's beautiful. I think it's going to spark a new patriotism. I'm looking for everyone to start putting American flags out on their porches."

She said filmmakers took particular pains to accurately showcase her father's side of the story, which often went under-reported compared to Zamperini's. Before "Unbroken," Zamperini published an autobiography titled "Devil at My Heels."

"(The filmmakers) were set on making sure dad's part was known," she said, "to show how much Zamperini depended on Dad's strength and faith, and (the film) shows how much of a formidable team they were together."

The screenplay was written by Joel and Ethan Coen (directors of "No Country for Old Men"), Richard LaGravenese and William Nicholson.

His teaching years

Robert Burns, a retired English and history teacher at Kesling Middle School, said he knew Phillips from school and church, but never heard him talk about his war experiences. It wasn't until he talked with Phillips' wife, Cecile, another teacher in the district, that he learned about the raft incident, and used it as a means of connecting his history students to World War II.

Burns said he has since done quite a bit of research on Phillips, and even conducted a special presentation on him at the La Porte County Public Library.

He said Phillips was well thought of by his men, a fact he found surprising.

"I would have never put it to Phillips as the kind of man who had the respect of all his crew members, Zamperini and all the others," Burns said. "He just wasn't that outgoing."

In a Jan. 2, 1943, article in the Herald-Argus, Zamperini was quoted as saying, "Phillips is so short he has to sit on a cushion to see where he's going, but he's a damn good pilot."

Burns said Phillips had a smile that wasn't "face splitting." He just sort of curled one side of his mouth. And he had a distinctive walk. He had long strides, and seemed to fall forward as he moved.

"But there was a great deal of steel underneath," he said. "It was interesting to see all the respect he had with all the crew members. He wasn't as tall as everyone else, but he was good at cajoling a good performance out of the rickety aircraft they were given."

Burns said the B-24 planes Phillips used were notorious for having good range, but poor durability. If one of the engines went down, so did the plane. And the plane Zamperini and Phillips were in was a beat-up old spare, which was described as jinxed in the Sept. 10 article, and a craft no one liked to fly.

Chris said his father often commented on how clumsy the B-24s were, and how more crew members were killed in them during training than during the actual war. He said the plane his father went down in had actually been used for spare parts for all the other planes, so it was pretty stripped down by the time he took off.

Phillips taught at Springfield Township School from 1958-62, then taught at La Porte Community Schools until 1976. He was a teacher at Kesling Middle School from 1971 until his retirement in 1976.

Memories of a father

Loomis said her father was a very quiet and patient person. One particular memory of hers involved rescuing their house cat in the mid-1960s. Loomis was 16 and only just learning to drive, and the family cat "Fluffy" had been missing for nearly five days. They were living on Clay Street by Lincoln Elementary School, and her father agreed to sit in the passenger side of the car while she drove all over town, trying to find the beloved animal.

After a while of frantic searching, they drove by Hailmann Elementary and a furry little critter crossed the street in front of them. Lo and behold, it was their cat.

"So we rescued Fluffy together," she said.

Chris said his father, an avid golfer, taught him how to drive a car by taking him to the golf course and allowing him to drive the carts, which were just old Crosley cars, up and down the course.

"I got a big kick out of it," he said.

He said his father never talked much about his war years, and the family really didn't hear much about them until Phillips was interviewed by a TV station when the Olympic Games were being held in Japan.

Loomis said her father loved eating steak. But the steak couldn't be served well done. No, it actually had to be burnt. Loomis suspected this to be a result of all the raw meat eaten on the raft.

"I think his experience developed his character," she said. "He recognized that the little things were the big things. It was probably easier for him to put things in perspective. And I gather courage from him when I'm scared of something. I like to think, 'If Dad could do what he did, then surely I can handle this.'"

Phillips passed away 16 years ago Dec. 18. His wife Cecile passed away in 2002.

Additional information for this story was provided by La Porte County Historian Fern Eddy Schultz..

COMICS

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dress him in the red white and blue of the flag, of the United States flag ... there's symbolism in that, that is more potent and more thought-provoking, evocative" than other kinds of changes, Alonso said.

The new diverse comic characters are far from the first: Marvel introduced the world to Samuel Wilson as the Falcon, the comic's first African-American superhero, in 1969 as a sidekick to Captain America. In 1977, DC Comics introduced Black Lightning, a schoolteacher who gains electrical powers and becomes a superhero.

And Marvel isn't the only company looking at diversity. An alternative black Superman, one who is president of the United States, is part of a team in DC Comics' "The Multiversity." DC also brags of having more comic books featuring female leads than any other company, including Batgirl, Catwoman, Batwoman and Wonder Woman, the longest-running comic book with a female hero.

"Our goal is to tell the best stories while making sure our characters are relatable and reflect DC Comics' diverse readership and fanbase," DC Entertainment President Diane Nelson said.

AP file photo

Editor in chief Axel Alonzo poses at Marvel Comics in New York in 2011. Marvel Comics and DC Comics are pushing for diversity in their industry's characters.

But not everyone is happy with the changes: A contingent of vocal Internet fans are currently protesting a reboot of Marvel's Fantastic Four property in the movies, turning one of the quartet – Johnny Storm – from blond and blue-eyed to black.

Noah Berlasky, author of the upcoming "Wonder Woman: Bondage and Feminism in the Marston/Peter Comics, 1941-1948," said portions of the largely white, male comic book audience don't want favored characters to change.

"Changing people's race or changing people's gender can feel more threatening or a bigger deal than changing Thor into a frog," said Berlasky, referencing a popular storyline in which the Norse god transforms into an amphibian. "Characters are always changing, but there are cultural lenses which make it seem like a bigger deal if Johnny Storm is black."

Movies based on superheroes, like Marvel's The Avengers, and DC's Man of Steel, are driving a new audience to comic books. That surge has comic book companies are looking to have characters that those fans can relate to, said Cheryl Lynn Eaton, head of the Ormes Society, which promotes black female comic creators and the inclusion of black women in the comics industry.

"The stories of Superman, the story of Batman, we're going likely to be telling them 40 years from now, and we've already been telling them for decades," Eaton said. "They are telling us sort of how to live life and how we relate in this world, so I think it's important for everyone, for people of different backgrounds, to have a say."

Comic books companies need to recognize the impact these characters have before they change them back to their default identities, Eaton said.

"Having Sam Wilson become Captain America and having a woman become Thor, you're stating that everyone is equal and that race, gender shouldn't not limit you, and that you're just as good as the heroes we've had. But if you pull these symbols away from them after a short period of time, you're kind of going back on what you're saying," she said.

Alonso said they haven't written an end to Wilson's time as Captain America.

"We have not discussed at this point the end of Sam's journey," he said. "That's not been the topic of discussion yet, so we don't' have a clean and easy way out. We've just got a great landscape ahead of us to tell great stories."

Deaths, scandal mar the year in the comedy world

By MARK KENNEDY
AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK — For comedians, there was very little to laugh about in 2014.

Three pioneering comic legends died – David Brenner, Joan Rivers and Robin Williams – and Bill Cosby went from America's dad to an alleged serial sexual predator.

"It's unfortunate when you lose anybody. To lose three and to have these allegations with Cosby, it's a tough year," said Christopher Mazzilli, co-owner of the Gotham Comedy Club.

The year began with exciting late-night transitions for Jimmy Fallon and Seth Meyers, but soon started on a litany of loss, beginning with the death in March of the lanky, toothy-grinned Brenner, whose brand of observational comedy paved the way for Jerry Seinfeld and Paul Reiser.

Then Williams, who inspired and supported so many comedians with a legacy that included "Mork and Mindy" on TV and films like "Mrs. Doubtfire" and "Dead Poets Society," committed suicide in August.

By fall, Rivers, whose brassy style was picked up by Sarah Silverman, Chelsea Handler and Kathy Griffin, had also died. Others lost this year include stand-up comedian John Pinette and "SNL" veteran Jan Hooks. In New York magazine, Chris Rock called 2014 "a weird year for comedy" and many agree.

"It's been a brutal year for losing funny people," said Kelly Carlin, daughter of comedic-legend George Carlin and a performer in her own right. "It feels like comedy is teaching us what it feels like to walk through loss this year."

Paul Provenza, a veteran stand-up, TV host and director of the film "The Aristocrats," said the losses of Brenner, Williams and Rivers hit hard because they each invented unique styles of joke-telling.

"They created new languages in comedy," he said. "They basically created these pathways and these styles of comedy and made them the vernacular."

This year also saw the re-flaring of accusations – and quick denials – of child molestation allegations against Woody Allen. They cast a shadow over his film "Magic in the Moonlight" and his Broadway musical "Bullets Over Broadway."

The world of humor was also knocked off-balance by the renewed allegations against Cosby by more than 15 women claiming decades-old sexual assaults. He has denied some of the allegations, but his career has suffered.

"I feel like we've lost Bill Cosby," said Carlin. "I feel like there's some sort of erasure happening on the Mount Rushmore of comedy right now, with his face being sandblasted away in some ways."

Eddie Izzard, the British actor and comedian who is filming Sony PlayStation Network's original series "Powers," said the Cosby allegations reminded him of accusations that have rocked England about TV personalities there linked to abuses against young girls.

Of Cosby, Izzard said: "If it's true, then, 'Oh my God.' And if it's not true, then, 'Oh my God.' I don't know where you go with either of those," he said. "There's negativity happening this year but comedians are going out and doing really interesting stuff all around the world."

Provenza said the sad news in 2014 from the comedy world is a reminder that while comedians might be funny, they're also just people, with all the anger, weirdness and sadness that entails.

"It's all very human. We're all in the same place, whether you're a pipefitter or a school teacher or a doctor or a lawyer or a comedian, the human condition is the human condition," he said. "And nobody escapes that."

Despite the heavy losses, comedians said there's still plenty of exciting comedy on TV, online and at stand-up shows, from shows like "Inside Amy Schumer" to "Key & Peele" to sketch groups like Friends of the People to web sites like Funny or Die and Marc Maron's podcasts.

Mazzilli, whose club has helped launch the careers of Dave Chapelle and Colin Quinn, points to the Internet as becoming comedy's fuel, giving once-unknowns like Jeff Dunham the ability to go viral.

"I thought it was high-tech when we had faxes and I could fax somebody the information," he said. "Now people can reach – with a couple of words and pushing a button – a million people, two million people. Immediately."

Thanks to the Internet and social media, Provenza, who has been doing stand-up since the late 1970s, said he believes we're now in a new golden age: "In all those decades, I have never seen as exciting a time in comedy as there is now."

Carlin agreed, and celebrates the return of comedians playing a big role in national conversations. She points to such comics as Stephen Colbert, Jon Stewart, Patton Oswalt, John Oliver, Louis C.K, Chris Rock, Russell Brand, Lewis Black and Doug Stanhope.

"Comedians are once again the leading social commentators," she said.

TV THIS WEEK

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community during the first Christmas after she left. Meanwhile, others wonder what 1960 will bring. 8 p.m., PBS.

'Doctor Who'

Thursday: During the annual "Doctor Who" Christmas episode, the Doctor, Clara and Santa Claus go on a dangerous sleigh ride through space and time. Sounds like someone has been hitting the eggnog a little too hard. 9 p.m., BBC America

'Now That's Funny! On Set With TV's Hottest Comedies'

Friday: Aisha Tyler is our host for "Now That's Funny! On Set With TV's Hottest Comedies." It's a Paley Center special that takes a behind-the-scenes look at the making of popular sitcoms, including "The Big Bang Theory" and "Modern Family." 8 p.m., CBS.

'A Wife's Nightmare'

Saturday: Apparently, as soon as Christmas ends, so does the parade of heartwarming movies. Bring on Jennifer Beals and an ominously titled flick called "A Wife's Nightmare." Holly and jolly it ain't. 8 p.m., Lifetime.

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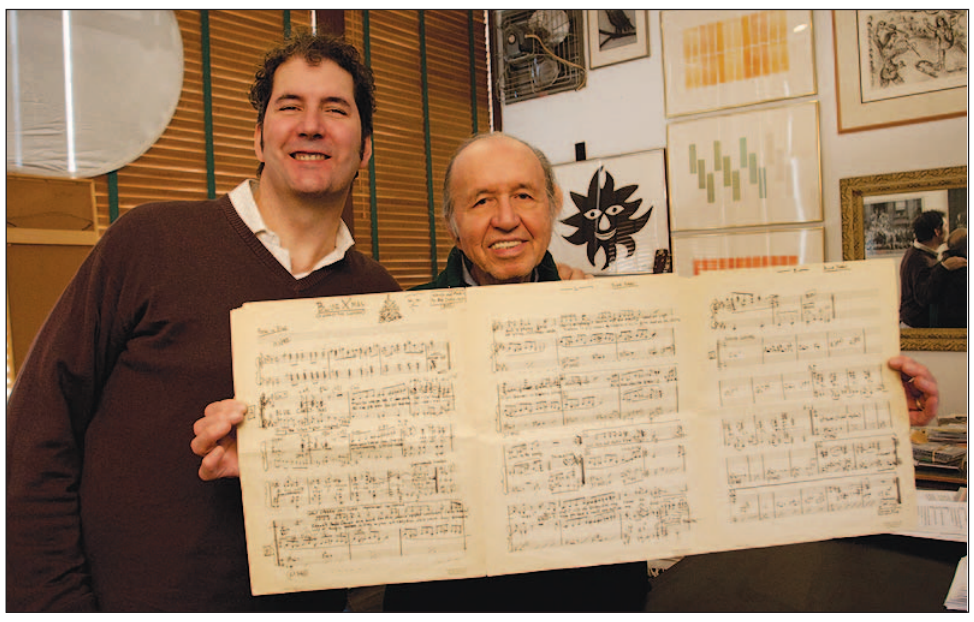
'Jingle Bell Rocks' uncovers musical oddities

By NINA METZ
Chicago Tribune (TNS)



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"Jingle Bell Rocks" director Mitchell Kezin with Bob Dorough, composer of "Blue XMas." "It was the first time I heard a Christmas song that was critical of the holiday," Kezin says.

A charming documentary about obscure Christmas music, "Jingle Bell Rocks" opens with footage of a very tall, somewhat ungainly man wandering into that rarest of retailers – the music store – and riffling through a bin of CDs.

"Sinead O'Connor singing 'Silent Night'? Buck-99? I'll take it," he says, and puts it in his basket. Flipping through each bin, he is frantic and frenzied and seems lost in his own head.

"They're going to kick us out soon, and I haven't even hit the vinyl yet." He shifts over to the albums and stops on a record called "Santa Ain't Coming to Town."

"Oh, I missed that one the first time around," he says, and adds it to the pile. By the time he is done, he leaves with a stack of records that is two phone books thick.

A consumer of the strange and unexplored, the man we are watching is Mitchell Kezin, the film's director. Based in Vancouver, he is one of only a handful of people who are serious collectors of rare and peculiar Christmas music.

"Right around Christmas 2004 – my gosh, a long time ago! – I bought a Christmas record on eBay," he told me. When the package arrived, tucked inside was an article about esoteric and underground Christmas music.

"It blew my mind because I was like: Wait a minute, you mean there are other people out there doing this? I thought I was the only person in the world collecting weird Christmas music. But, of course, there are other people doing it. It just never dawned on me that there were legends in this realm. There's like five of them in the world."

One of whom is based in Chicago. A quiet but steady presence in the film, Andy Cirzan is a vice president at Jam Productions, and he appears every year on the radio show "Sound Opinions" (hosted by Jim DeRogatis and Chicago Tribune rock critic Greg Kot) with a new batch of Christmas songs – strange, unknown and sometimes wonderful – that he has unearthed in flea markets and secondhand stores.

Cirzan and others like him may as well be archaeologists, pawing through dusty piles, searching and preserving.

"We're largely pasty, white, middle-aged men who aren't in the best of shape," Kezin said. "We spend a lot of time sitting in dark rooms digging for records and then going home and listening to them."

Cirzan told me he prefers to "keep a pretty low profile in public." Fair enough.

"Andy was gracious to allow me to film with him," Kezin said, "but he had his ground rules, and he was very difficult (to get to open up) in the initial few years. He didn't want to talk about what was really behind his obsession with this music. But he's pretty much the king of our world in terms of the stuff he manages to discover and share every year."

Kezin has enough energy and deeply invested enthusiasm to make up for Cirzan's reserve. And when he teams with former Def Jam record exec Bill Adler (a gregarious sort who also is a collector of this music), the movie takes on an oddball charisma.

Adler's collection appears to straddle the line between kitsch and unlistenable peculiarities. One album he pulls out is called "Navidades 1981" from Jose Luis Carrasquillo, featuring a photo of the singer (at least I think that's who it is) standing behind a pig roasting on a spit, holding a machete with the words "Puerto Rico" printed on the blade.

Kezin also tracks down many of the artists themselves, including the man behind 1962's "Blue Xmas," a jazzy kiss-off to materialism written and sung by bebop pianist Bob Dorough (best known for composing the songs of "Schoolhouse Rock!") and backed by Miles Davis.

"When you're blue at Christmas time," goes one lyric, "you see right through/ all the waste, all the sham, all the haste/and plain old bad taste."

"It was the first time that I heard a Christmas song that was critical of the holiday," Kezin says in the film.

Finding Dorough wasn't hard – "I Googled him, up he came on his little homespun website, and I was like, 'Oh my God, he's alive!'" Kezin told me – but getting the rights to the song was another story.

"It's a very arcane process. (The record labels) won't talk to you, they won't engage with you – you're dealing with people you can't even call on the phone. Your request is either accepted or denied, and that's it."

Kezin said he took the risk of shooting the entire film before securing rights to any of the songs. "We were having real trouble getting 'Blue Xmas.' Man, that was a scary time for me. I had many sleepless nights thinking, 'I can't release this film without that song in it!'"

Ultimately, much of the film's budget went to securing those rights. (The opening credits, by the way, are especially witty, depicting a series of spinning 45-rpm records.)

"There are 32 songs in the film, and you'd think, some of them are so obscure, they must be owned by some tiny label, and they're not going to charge us much. But those small labels have all been acquired now by one of three or four big labels. Universal and BMG, they own everything now. And it took a long time to clear some of the songs. It was a difficult process.

"It's the reason why, sadly, we don't have a soundtrack companion album. It was just too expensive to acquire those additional rights."

That's a head-scratcher. These songs are so little known, I can't imagine any are making money for the record labels. Kezin's documentary is a rather convenient (if unintentional) advertisement for a lot of this music. You would think the labels would want to capitalize on that and re-release these songs on an album tied to the movie.

Doesn't it seem as if there hasn't been a big new Christmas pop song in a while? I'm surprised more people in the music industry aren't focused on this, because if a holiday song hits, you can make an outrageous amount of money. But here's what you realize while watching "Jingle Bell Rocks" (which you can also stream, for a fee, from jinglebellrocks.com): In fact, quite a lot of people have tried (and continue to try) to write iconic Christmas songs – and for whatever reason, they just don't stick.

"It's especially hard in this day and age," Kezin said. "There's a reason why 'White Christmas' and those classics have endured. They're powerful songs. They come from an era of songwriting and craftsmanship that is long gone. People just don't write songs like that anymore."

Which has led to his next project. "I'm leery of becoming the Christmas film guy," he said, "but it's going to be a film about the fact that over 75 percent of all the major Christmas hits have been written by Jewish songwriters. It's such a strange, ironic thing to realize. Everything from 'White Christmas' to 'Silver Bells.' You name it."

I asked Kezin if he could distill his attraction to Christmas music.

"Can you imagine the holiday without the music?" he said. "They're so entwined that there would be no meaning if the music was lost."

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- Maple Cabinets, Granite C-Tops, Ctr Island
- So much to see! St. Joseph F# - 14066058

$249,000
- 239 Ft. of St. Joseph River Frontage/ 1.62 acres
- Easy Access to all Sports Lake Chapin
- 2900 Sw. Ft. Brick Ranch w/ Walk-Out Basement
- Stunning Views throughout the home. Many Updates
- Buchanan R# - 14058739

$199,500
- COMPLETELY UPDATED! 4 bedrooms.
- 2 full baths. New carpet, HW floors.
- Original wood staircase. Beautiful patio.
- Full basement.
- St Joseph #L-14051112

$325,000
- PERFECT GET-A-WAY in the DUNES & Weko Beach
- Contemporary Open Floor Plan, Beautiful Fireplace
- 4 BDRM, 4 BA, Lots of Windows, Wooded Lot
- Perfect Home to relax & enjoy nature
- Walk to Lake Michigan Bridgman R#-14049302

$550,000
- Wonderfully RENOVATED Brick Ranch on 18 Acres
- Open Flr Plan, 4 BDRM 3.5BA, Hardwood Flr
- Lrg Kitchen, SS Appl., 3 Fireplaces, Pool, Pond
- 16 Horse stall, 15,020 sq ft impressive Metal BLDG
- WOW So Much to See! Stevensville C#-14029934

$104,900
- Double lot in the CITY of ST JOE
- Lg fenced backyard, private, wooded,
- Ravine view. 3 bdr, New carpeting
- Wrap around deck for entertaining
- Short walk to Silver Beach! #P-14016627

$139,900
- 4 Bedroom, 1 Bath
- Double Lot, Great Location
- Hardwood Floors
- New Carpet, Freshly Painted
- St. Joseph W# - 14063135

$128,000
- Great Location between St. Joe & Lakeshore
- Bi-level w/ 3 BDRM, 2 BA, 2 car att. garage
- Nice deck for entertaining, mature trees
- Newer Roof, Furnace & Slider
- St. Joseph N#-14040650

$299,900
- UNIQUE! 3956 Sq ft, beautiful, peaceful views
- 4 bdr, 3 bath, cathedral ceilings, stone fp
- Deck to enjoy watching the wildlife, walkout lvl
- Gardens, lodge like feel to home, escape daily
- Berrien Ctr MLS#P-12058902

$479,900
- Custom Built Home on 3.35 Private Acres
- Perched on Hillside w/Great Scenic Views
- 4 Bed/4.5 Bath w/5318 Sq Ft Living Area
- Main Floor Master Suite w/Walk-In Shower
- LL Rec Room Berrien Springs R#-13025033

$189,500
- REFURBISHED Tri-Level on TWO ACRES!
- NEW ROOF, siding, flooring, ceramic tile,
- New carpet. Pole barns need some TLC
- 1239 Square feet of living space
- Three Oaks #S-14046292

$299,900
- Exquisite Custom-built 3 BDRM/2.5BA
- Living Rm Cathedral ceiling & Fireplace
- Parlor, Spacious Kitchen w/ ctr Island
- All Appl. stay, Main flr Master, Gazebo & Pond
- Berrien Springs P#-14038749

$194,900
- Solid Brick Ranch, 3 BDRM, 2 BA
- Main FLoor Laundry
- Established Neighborhood
- Fenced Yard, 3 Season Room
- St Joseph M# - 14063227

$37,500
- Affordable & convenient rental unit
- Good Downtown location
- Very good monthly income
- Three bedrooms and a bath
- Niles F#-14039645

$695,000
- Custom built 3 BDRM/2.5BA Contemporary
- One Block from Lake Michigan
- Over 4,400 sq. ft., Open Concept, Multiple decks
- Gourmet Kitchen, Stainles Appl., Exercise Room
- Exceptional Views St. Joseph M#- 14037100

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$219,000
- Move In Ready - Ranch on 20 Acres
- Offers Three BD, Two and a half BA
- Family RM w/ FP, 44x13 Rec Rm
- Geothermal HVAC, Main Flr Laundry
- Eau Claire O#-14050199

$244,900
- Out of the Tension Zone on 4 Wooded Acres
- Fall in love, Spacious & Charming 4 BD, 3 BA
- Open Floor plan, Main flr Laundry, ! BD/office
- Sliders to Awesome Gazebo, Master Balcony
- 2.5 det. garage, Sawyer B#-14047320

$399,900
- Home, Stables, workshop
- SO MUCH TO OFFER! 6 acres, 3/4 bdrs,
- 3.5 baths, mother-in-law suite. 3 season rm.
- Heated tack room, bunk room, 6 stables.
- Berrien Springs P#-14024013

$179,900
- Over 2000 sq ft Finished Living Space
- 4 BR, 2 BA, Lg Lot, Fenced Yard, Pool & Hot Tub
- Newer Flooring, Appliances & Fresh Paint
- Move in Ready and Lakeshore Schools
- Stevensville F# - 14054049

$219,900
- Great Established Neighborhood! St. Joe Schools
- Fenced in Backyard, Screened in Patio
- 4 BDRM, Hardwood Floors, Main Floor Laundry
- Very Large Rooms, Vaulted Ceilings
- Fam. & Rec Rooms, St. Joseph T#-14052993

$749,900
- Stockbridge Estates Custom Home w/ 5,145 sq ft
- Beautiful Floor Plan, Impecable 6 BDRM, 5.5 BA
- Gourmet Kitchen, Maple Flr, Black Granite tops
- Stunning Master w/private balcony & FP
- St. Joseph S#-14028489

$59,000
- LOCATION! Great downtown Rental
- Good monthly income
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Don't leave anything to chance this year. Promote your ideas tirelessly and make the most of every opportunity. Confront each issue as it develops, so that you do not have to switch between current and past ventures. Timing will be key.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your popularity is gaining. People will be impressed with your knowledge and integrity and will gladly help you move your ideas forward if asked for assistance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Concentrate on your financial status. Call in favors and clear up debts. Make long-needed updates to your personal records and begin the year with a clean slate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) A new venture or job change will have a positive influence on your way of life. Personal and professional partnerships will provide a stimulating challenge and interesting benefits.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your emotions will be difficult to control. Refrain from making unnecessary changes. You'll be attracted to someone, but you should take matters slowly to avoid regrets and heartache.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Prepare to act quickly if you want to improve your financial situation. A beneficial deal may pass you by if you hesitate. Getting involved with a coworker will have negative consequences.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Focus on your personal life and the changes you want to make. A meaningful, long-lasting relationship will unfold if you and your partner share ideas and build your plans together.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Find balance between what you want and what is required of you. You will be unhappy if you don't set aside time to take care of your personal needs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's time to put your great ideas to work. Find people who are willing and able to help you get your ventures off the ground. Positive thoughts will promote constructive actions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An interesting proposal is headed your way, but make sure you negotiate wisely. There is no room for error. After you sign, it will be too late to make changes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Keep your personal life a secret to avoid being criticized or shunned. Take the time to reevaluate the decisions you are faced with and the consequences involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone you are close to will interfere in your personal life. Proceed with caution to avoid making a personal mistake and possibly losing a good friendship.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Your future will be what you make it. You will receive plenty of advice, but it's up to you to make the most of your capabilities.

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BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, 25TH & 26TH FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY AND WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH AT 8:30 A.M. TRASH PICKUP FOR WEDNESDAY 12/24 WILL BE WEDNESDAY 12/24.

Carolyn Phillips
Township Clerk

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOST

My jacket was taken from McDonald's Play Place in Michigan City on Thursday Dec. 18. It is fern green with 2 large patches covering the back. One is white & black with bunnies and the other is black with the band name "Batillus" on it. I'm offering $50 for its return NO QUESTIONS ASKED. Email: myloveisrobotic@gmail.com or text/call 574-302-1038.

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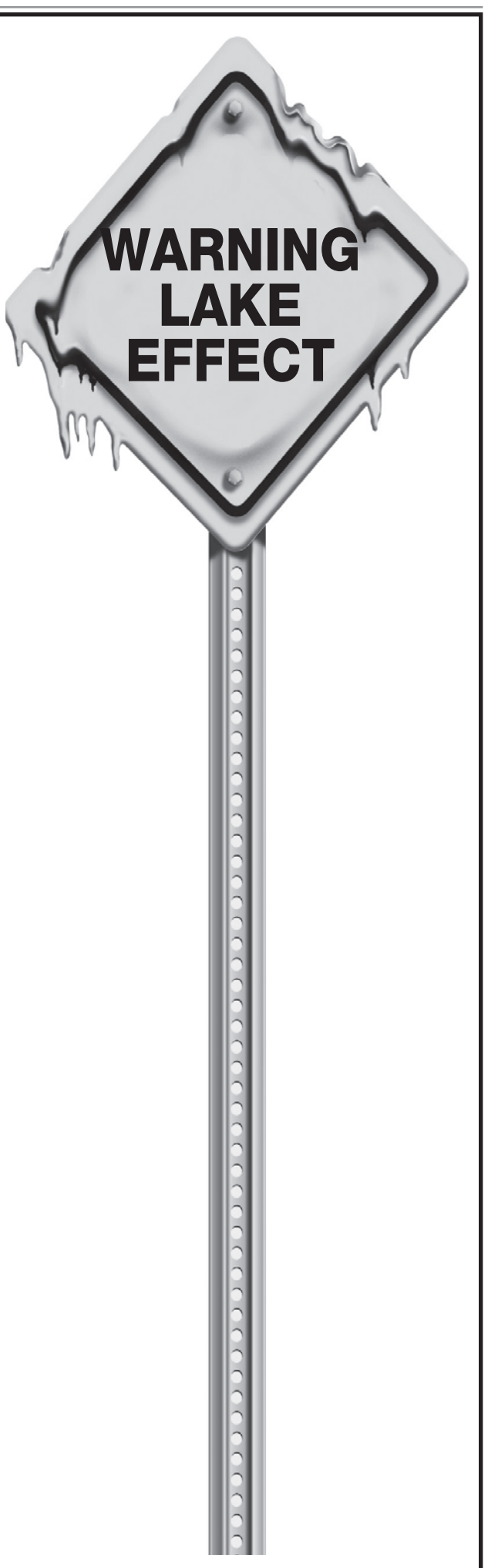

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ACROSS

1 Anjou relative
5 Sleeveless garment
9 Chimú conquerors
14 Give credit for
19 Russian city near the Ukraine border
20 Will-wisp connector
21 Fed. security
22 Preferences
23 Black Sea region
25 Speech at a revival?
27 Variety of stars on a clear night?
29 Indulged
30 1969 Three Dog Night hit
31 Alley prowler
32 Protected whale
33 Scand. kingdom
34 Neaten again, as a mustache
37 Putting up
40 "Sorry to hear that"
44 Essen exclamation
45 Primary
47 Metz milk
48 Grand venue
50 Tag announcement
52 Transp. to the Hamptons
53 Like Vivaldi's "Spring"
54 First name in spydom
55 "My treat"
56 Only matchmaker in town?
60 Angling tool
61 Ora pro __
63 Gershwin's "Rialto Ripples," e.g.
64 Gobi abode
65 Missouri NFL team
67 "... some kind of __?"
69 Rum __ Tugger: "Cats" character
71 More, on a score
72 Prefix with decimal
73 Send with an email
75 Mosque leader
77 Hush-hush maritime org.
79 Bit of mischief
82 Word with bird or call
83 Approval from above?
87 Aleutian island
88 Financial pros
90 Jeanne d'Arc, e.g.: Abbr.
91 Buck ending
92 Like trees in the wind
94 Badminton item
96 Query indicating betrayal
97 Mil. addresses
98 Sturgeon delicacy
99 Invite to one's penthouse, say
100 Club for a short par-3, perhaps
103 Cunning
105 I problem?
107 Frau, across the Rhine: Abbr.
108 That, in Tampico
109 Eastern path
110 Bart Simpson catchphrase
114 St. Louis tourist?
119 Rap sheet listing?
121 Heathrow lander
122 Raise
123 No-brainer course
124 Milieu for Sharks and Penguins
125 Nevada city on I-80
126 Literature Nobelist Gide
127 Expensive
128 Barrie baddie
129 School official

DOWN

1 Former Heathrow lander
2 About
3 Ocho menos dos
4 Din
5 Message medium
6 View from Catania
7 Edit, in a way
8 Intense fear
9 __-bitty
10 Shreveport-to-Little Rock dir.
11 Vanity
12 Reach
13 It may be saved
14 Grayish-pink color
15 Teletype machine area
16 Barely managed, with "out"
17 Try out
18 Bologna bone
24 Villainous "Austin Powers" alter ego
26 Wide-screen TV spot
28 Florida's __ Island
32 Saddle attachment
34 Synthetic silk
35 Budget prefix
36 Ambush during a "wrestling" match?
38 Have in stock
39 Old game show prop that contestants didn't want to hear
41 Extra clothes?
42 Fromm's "The __ Loving"
43 Twosomes
46 "Use __ lose ..."
49 Freeloader
51 Isabella, por ejemplo
52 Pea, e.g.
53 Pitched properly
57 Indigenous
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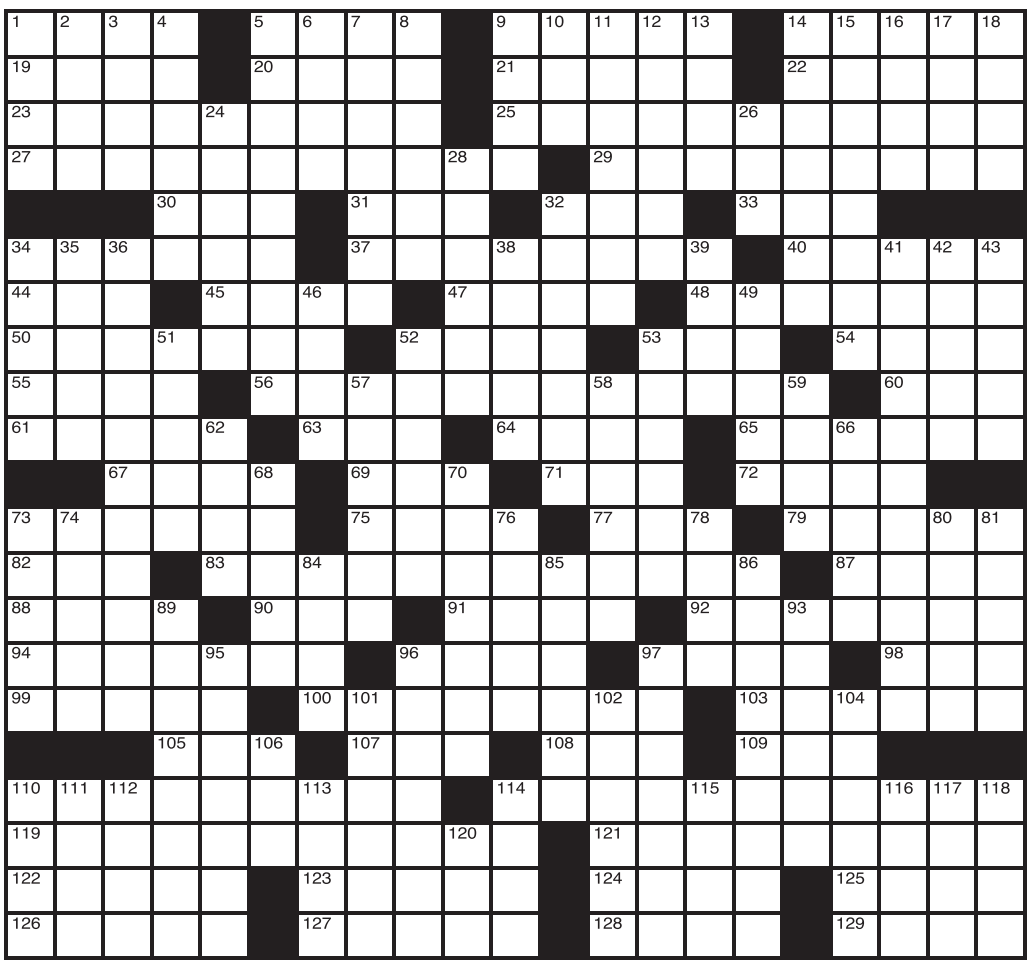

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
'It was real special'
St. Joseph's Ethan Schweir fires a pass while under pressure from Lansing Sexton's Marquil Nelson (58) during the second half of Saturday's game.
Michigan wide receiver Adrian Arrington catches a 26-yard touchdown pass in front of Wisconsin defensive back Aaron Henry during the second half of Saturday's game.
Another crafty QB gets U-M
Donovan, Wisconsin upset Wolverines
St. Joseph comes from 21-0 deficit to beat Lansing Sexton's Carlous Kelly during the second half of Saturday's game.
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THURSDAY, July 5, 2007
Features Editor, SUE LORENZ, 429-2400, Ext. 210
They give star spangled performances
Arts Notes — San Dee Wallace
Contributed photo
MEG SIMPSON of St. Joseph sings the national anthem at a Lakeshore High School basketball game. She is one of several area residents who sang the national anthem this season for the South Bend Silverhawks.
Art for the fun of it
HARRY BORGMAN of Sawyer shows off one of his comic book cover parodies (more are seen below) at the Box Factory in St. Joseph. A show of Borgman's work will be on display at the Box Factory from July 6 to Aug. 6.
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What is gelato?
Pete Palazzolo, chief executive officer of Palazzolo's Artisan Gelato & Sorbetto in Fennville, holds a tub of gelato produced by his company.
On the Net: www.4gelato.com
On the production line at Palazzolo's Artisan Gelato & Sorbetto are gelato chef Scott Moore (wearing cap) and general manager Zack Zerfas, who has worked for the company for 14 years. Zerfas is CEO Pete Palazzolo's brother-in-law.
Rising price of helium affects party retailers
Demand for helium is ballooning.
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Tires don't care what they're filled with

DEAR CAR TALK: My questions involve the nitrogen-filled tires on my 2011 Subaru Outback. These were on the car when I bought it, and I was assured that they had advantages over air-filled tires. But this was kind of a last-minute decision, and I confess I didn't do any research into the matter. My husband and I are snowbirds, and recently, just before leaving for Florida, I had a flat tire. This brought questions to mind, since not all garages are equipped with nitrogen: (1) Is it OK to drive a car with one air-filled tire and three nitrogen-filled tires, as suggested by the fellow who changed the tire? (2) Can existing nitrogen-filled tires be refilled with air? (3) Would it be more practical to just bite the bullet and buy four new air-filled tires? (I dread the expense!) My main concern is driving between North and South on the interstates and getting a flat, in the middle of nowhere, and not having access to a nitrogen supply. I'll look forward to your answer! – Clem

Ray Magliozzi
Car Talk

Great questions, Clem. And the answer, as my brother would have said, is: fuggedaboutit.

I think the nitrogen-filled-tire thing is a scam. Obviously, as you were in the final hours of purchasing your new car, they sold you on a bunch of add-ons. You bit on the pinstripes, the pom-pom on the antenna in the shape of Vladimir Putin and the nitrogen-filled tires. And all that only added $30 to your monthly payment! Congratulations.

The argument they make is that the nitrogen doesn't contain oxygen, like normal air does. That's said to give you several advantages if you put it in your tires:

They say the oxygen in the air degrades the rubber more than nitrogen does. They say nitrogen molecules are slightly larger than oxygen molecules in the air, so it's less likely to leak through the rubber. They say if you use pure nitrogen from a tank, there's no water vapor in it, like there is in the air we breathe. Water vapor can affect pressure variation when the tires heat up, and can cause corrosion. And then some salesmen have claimed that if you have an accident and there's a fire, if your tires explode there won't be additional oxygen to further fuel the flames.

Every one of these arguments has an iota of truth. But they're all completely overblown. And in my opinion, it's a total waste of money to put nitrogen in your tires.

First of all, air is already 80 percent nitrogen. So even if you go to the gas station and fill your tires at the ding-ding pump, you're getting mostly nitrogen anyway.

Second, even if nitrogen limits the degradation of the rubber, your nitrogen-filled tires are still exposed to air on the outside of the tires! And once the outsides of the tires degrade, you have to replace them.

Third, nitrogen molecules are slightly larger than oxygen molecules, but it's not like we're having an epidemic of air seeping through rubber tires in this country. Tires in good condition don't leak.

Fourth, a small variation in tire pressure while driving is normal. Pressure increases as the tires heat up. If you're driving a race car at 200 mph, half a pound of tire pressure might make a difference, but you and I will never notice it.

Fifth, before you spend a lot of money preventing water vapor in the air inside your tires from hastening the corrosion of your wheels, remember that the other 99.5 percent of your car is always exposed to air – and water vapor.

And finally, if your car is already on fire, to the point that it causes your tires to heat up and explode, a slightly brighter flame around the wheel wells will be the least of your worries.

So to answer your specific questions: It's fine to drive a car with three tires filled with nitrogen and one tire filled with air (80 percent nitrogen); it makes no difference whatsoever.

Existing nitrogen-filled tires can be refilled with air at any time, to any degree. The tires don't care what's in them.

And no, it would not be practical to buy four new, air-filled tires. Your tires are fine, and there's no need to replace them just to change what they're filled with. As they need air, fill them with air from any convenient gas station. And over time, try to forget that you ever heard the word "nitrogen."

Good luck, Clem.

Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

Dar's 45 cars

Collecting classics on the cheap

Readers may wonder why a long-time car enthusiast like me doesn't have a vintage car in the garage.

There are a couple of good reasons. The big reason is money, or lack thereof. I'd love to have two or three favorite old vehicles. But, alas, the funds were never available.

Dar Davis

The second reason is I have zero mechanical skills. I didn't inherit my father's interest in and enjoyment of fixing and restoring complicated things like engines and derelict old cars.

So you'll only find my Verano in my garage. Inside my house, however, I have 45 or so vintage vehicles in my collection. I'm speaking of a collection of die-cast models. They are pricey to buy but low maintenance after the sale.

Die-cast automobile small-scale models have been available for decades. They come in many configurations, but I'd guess that most are sold in two sizes: 1:18 and 1:24 scale.

I've been collecting model cars since high school. Back in the '50s and early '60s kids like me bought inexpensive plastic model car kits and, with varying degrees of finesse, painted and assembled them. We further collected the plastic bodied promo-model cars that were given away by dealers and automakers.

I still have a few of these kit and promo models in my collection, stored in a box in my attic. I discovered a few years back that these models – with imperfect, warped plastic bodies and all – can bring big bucks. I sold five models (such as a 1960 Edsel and a 1970 Cadillac) and was paid $280 back 15 years ago.

After I graduated from college and started earning a living wage, companies like Franklin and Danbury Mint offered a wide variety of 1:24 scale models. These smaller models appealed to me because they are exquisitely executed and many of my favorite 1950s and 1960s models were available.

The 1:24 scale die-cast models are pricey, but they are oh-so-desirable, and I became hooked. The die-cast companies wisely offered the purchase option of multiple payments. How could I refuse a 1957 turquoise Chrysler New Yorker convertible die-cast when I only had to pay $39.95 over three or four months?

There are exceptions but most 1:24 die-cast models cost in the $100-$160 range. Some are less and some are more. The expression, "You get what you pay for" certainly applies when buying die-cast cars.

I don't recall when I started buying my die-cast collection. I do recall that the Franklin Mint and Danbury Mint were then major players.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Automobile die-cast models are created to exacting specifications and give owners a lot of satisfaction owning them. Dar is VERY satisfied because his model car collection numbers over 45 of the 1:18 and 1:24 scale beauties. Initially popular small-scale model cars were made of molded plastic. Nice, but not equal to the quality and durability of the painted metal die-cast models now sold by dozens of companies worldwide. Prices vary: $50 to $100 for larger 1:18 scale models and $120 – $180 for the smaller 1:24 offerings.

Early on it became pretty obvious I had to slow down, become choosy and not buy every model introduced. The problem was space, or rather the lack thereof. The models are small but the required protective displays – necessary to deflect dust and small children's hands – are large and take up wall space.

I keep most of my models in an attractive, plastic-enclosed environment. For several decades I bought pricey oak and Plexiglass display cases offered by one of the "Mint" companies. Sadly, several years ago, these favored display cases were discontinued. This lack of new display space also put a damper on my die-cast model collecting.

Happily, thanks to some Internet searching, this year I found a new source for oak and Plexi display cases handmade in Wisconsin. Now I have an excuse to again buy an occasional die-cast. Times have changed, and this time I'm attracted to the larger 1:18 scale models.

I continue to admire the 1:24 scale models, but their prices have continued to rise – some nearing $200. Of late I've switched to purchasing the larger 1:18 scale – for two reasons: The cost is usually under $90 per model and the quality of the models have improved significantly.

Die-cast auto models are sold in toy stores, auto-themed gift shops (nearby Gilmore Car Museum and Studebaker National Museum both have wonderful shops) and on the Internet. Dozens of makers – many from overseas – offer a wide variety of scale model domestic and foreign cars.

Like the wide variety of vehicles shown in the local Lake Bluff Concours, die-cast models come in an equally fabulous variety of brands and models. Brass cars, muscle cars, Classic-era cars, race cars – they are all represented in different sizes and price ranges. I locate mine either at a car show like Hershey or do online shopping. Readers interested in online purchases should type in "die-cast cars" and search away.

Lastly, a word of advice. If you buy die-cast cars as gifts for kids, throw away the box it came in. But if you buy a model and intend to display it in a safe spot during its lifetime, I suggest you keep the box. Some of the models being sold today will become very collectable over time. If it's available with the box it came in, the price goes up. Just saying.

NAIS finalists

North American International Auto Show officials have announced the finalists for the Car of the Year and Truck of the Year awards. In the first round of votes cast by 57 North American automotive journalists, the task was to narrow the candidate from 22 vehicles to six, three each for Car of the Year and three each for Truck of the Year.

Domestic automakers did well. Four of the six finalists were American brands, with Ford picking up three and GM one.

Hyundai garnered a pick with its new Genesis luxury line-up. Volkswagen, with its all-new seventh generation Golf compact car, made the cut. Chevy's mid-sized new pickup, the Colorado, is the final model in the running.

Ford did really well by having its all-new Ford Mustang and F-150 pickup picked and stablemate Lincoln made the cut with its all-new Lincoln MKC crossover.

The winners will be announced at the beginning of the NAIAS press days at Detroit's Cobo Center on Jan. 12. I'll be there to cover the announcement and will send a report back on who were the big winners.

Chevy already has bragging rights for the new Colorado. The smaller-sized pickup picked up the prestigious Motor Trend Truck of the Year award this month, beating the heavily favored aluminum-bodied Ford F-150.

I've done pretty well in guessing winners in past years. It's going to be close between the Ford Mustang and the VW Golf, but I'd put money on the Mustang to squeeze out a win. I think Ford will prevail in the truck race, and the overlooked F-150 will capture the NAIAS truck award.

Like Chevy last year with its Corvette and Silverado, Ford will be an automaker in 2015 that will enjoy bragging rights to having a dual at NAIAS.

The NAIAS opens to the public Jan. 17 and runs through Jan. 25. Go to www.naias.com for additional information.

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BEHIND THE WHEEL

After 19 years, Alfa Romeo is back in U.S.

By ANN M. JOB
For The Associated Press

After a 19-year absence, Italian carmaker Alfa Romeo is back in the United States and wowing Alfa enthusiasts with the sexy, fun-to-drive 2015 4C two seater.

Even young Americans who don't remember Alfas or realize that actor Dustin Hoffman drove one in the movie "The Graduate" can be attracted to this exotic-looking coupe.

The 4C is curvaceous; its mid-engine, rear-wheel drive design, excellent power-to-weight ratio and low-to-the-pavement ride can create an adrenaline rush like that of a race car.

Yet the engine in the 4C is just a 1.7-liter, turbocharged four cylinder with 237 horsepower. Additionally, the 4C comes only with an automatic transmission, albeit a six speed, dual-clutch unit with paddle shifters on the steering wheel.

The 2015 4C carries a starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, of $55,195.

Intriguingly, admirers of the 4C didn't flinch when told this car had only four cylinders. The test car, painted Rosso Competizione red, was that impressive.

They acknowledged, however, some concern over how low the car sits. It's not even 4 feet tall, and there are wide door sills to get over as driver and passenger drop way down into sculpted seats. Frankly, it can be a bit of a struggle to get in and out.

This 13.1-foot-long car is built of lightweight materials such as carbon fiber, which is put into the moncoque body in layers, and aluminum, which is in the subframes.

The peak 237 horses is akin to what some six-cylinder engines generate, and the 4C peak torque of 258 foot-pounds starts at a low 2,200 rpm and carries to 4,250 rpm.

There could be a bit of turbo lag in the "Normal" driving mode, but the power would then engage with gusto and send the little 4C rushing forward in a whoosh. Shifts could be sharp.

The test car had the optional-for-$500 racing exhaust, which basically does away with the muffler. As a result, the 4C was loud, and neighbors later said they knew each morning when the car left the driveway because it sounded like a race car pulling away.

The 4C is not a car for audio. The audio system, though upgraded in the test car, needed constant adjustments to volume to compensate for the noise from the exhaust and road noise that readily came into the cabin from road surfaces.

With mid-engine design, the 4C's handling is wonderfully neutral.

The test coupe stuck stubbornly to its line on curves and effortlessly carved through mountain twisties.

As you'd expect from a race-experience car, passenger and driver feel road bumps. There were times when the test car, with double wishbone up front and rear MacPherson struts, felt like it had no suspension management of bumps. When the test car struck a pothole, the driver got out to make sure a wheel rim wasn't damaged.

In essence, the 4C is not quite as amenable to everyday driving as some other sport two seaters.

But it's definitely a car that's ready for weekend track days.

2015 Alfa Romeo 4C

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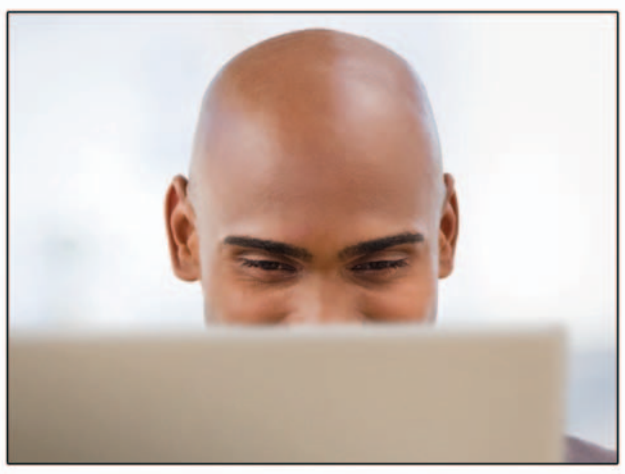

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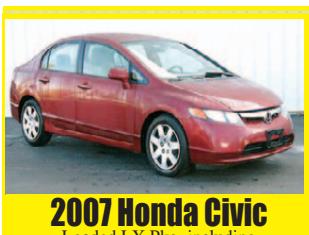

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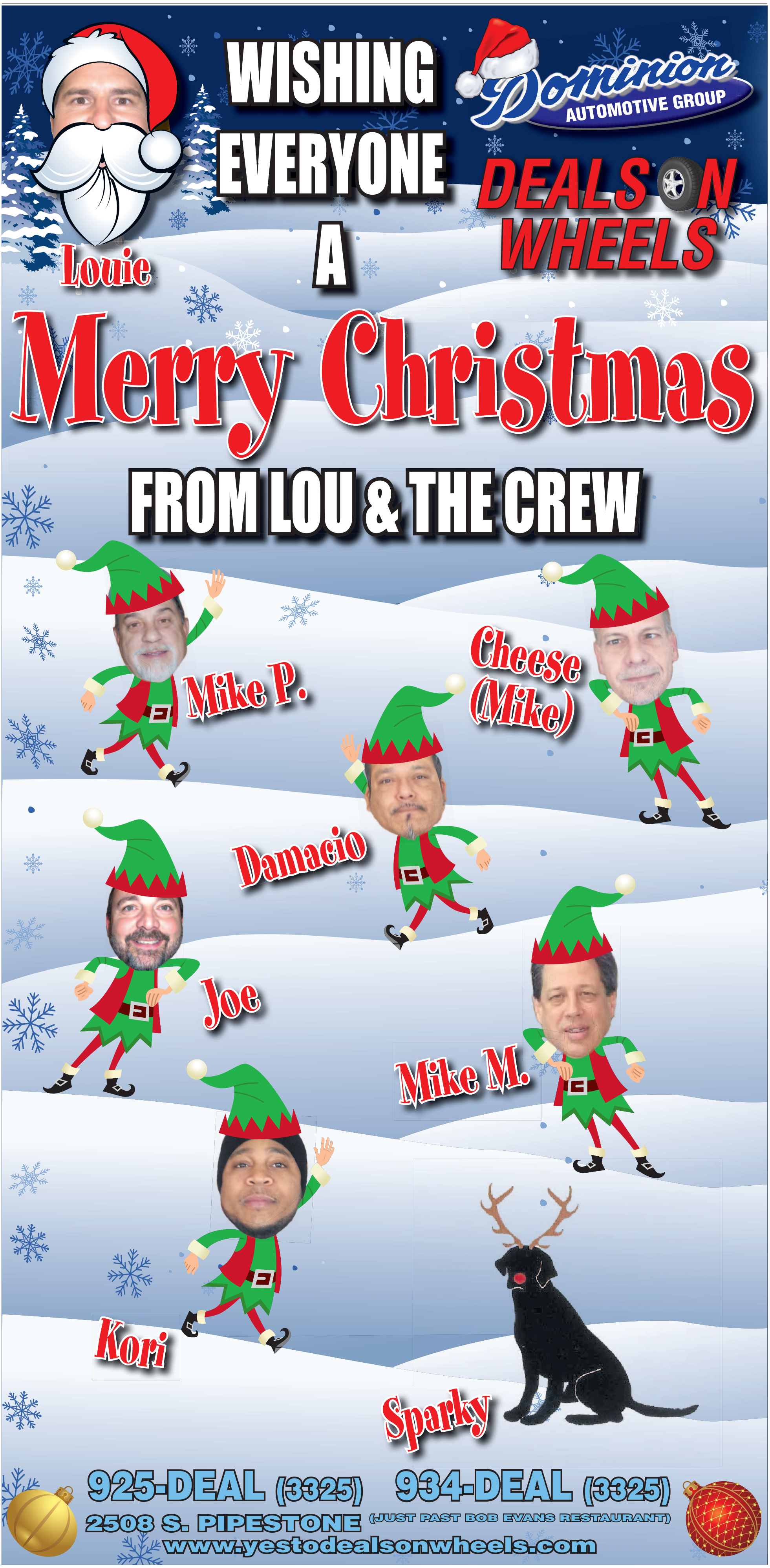
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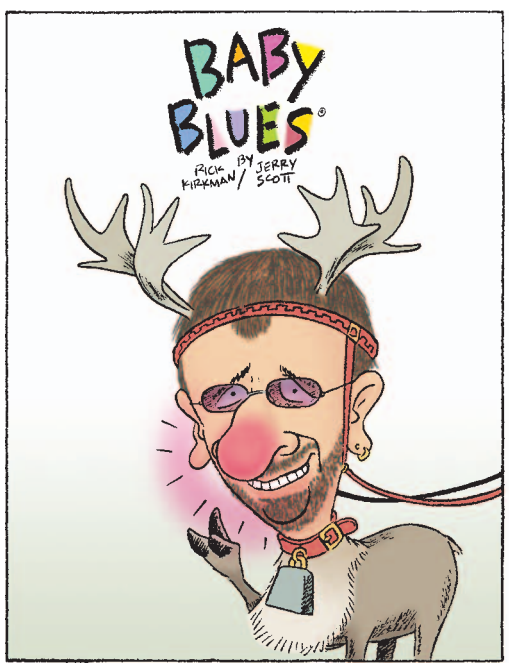

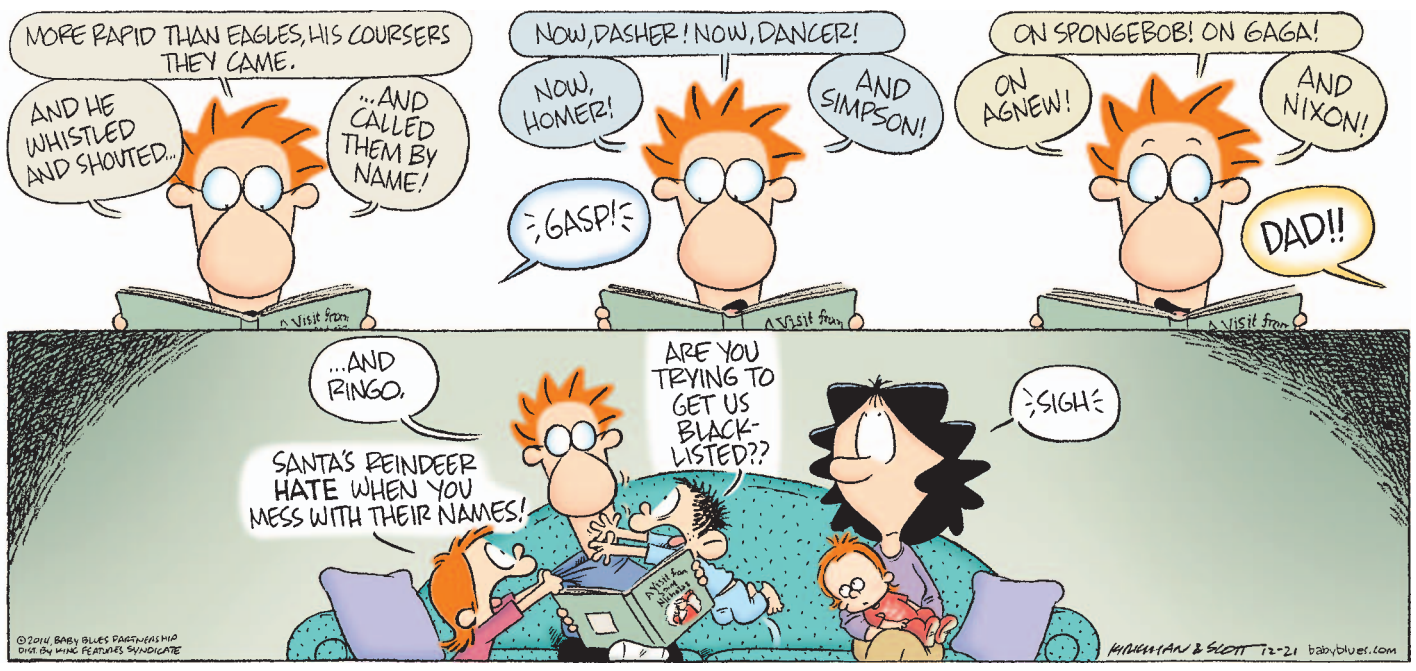

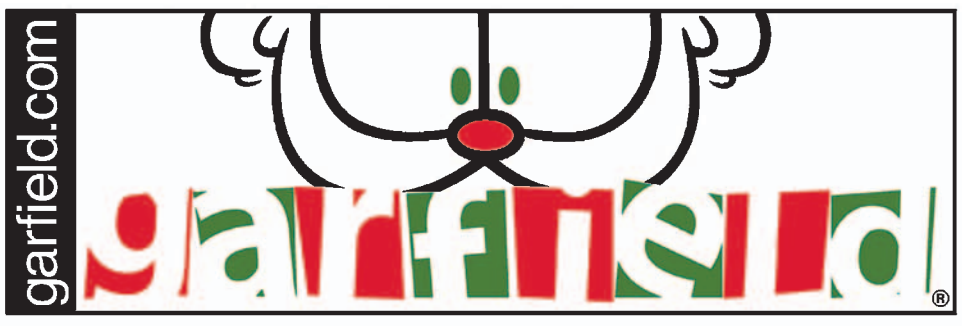

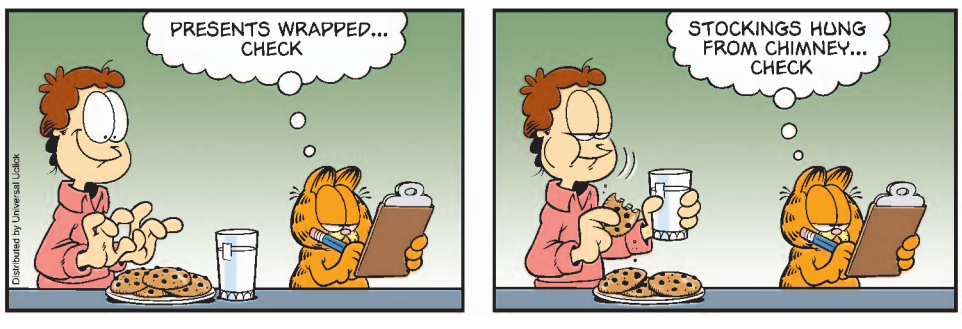

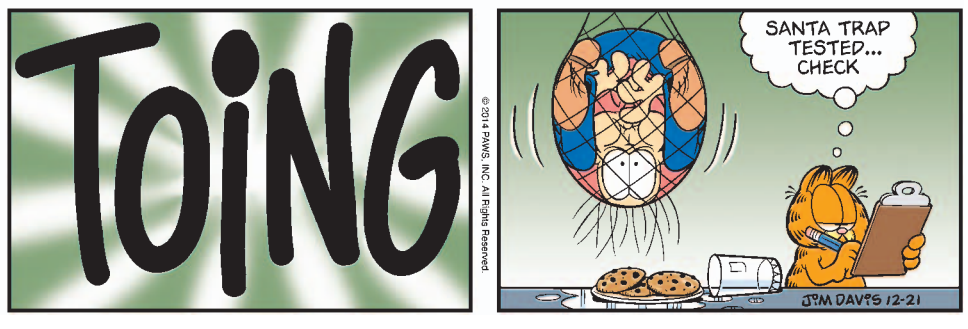

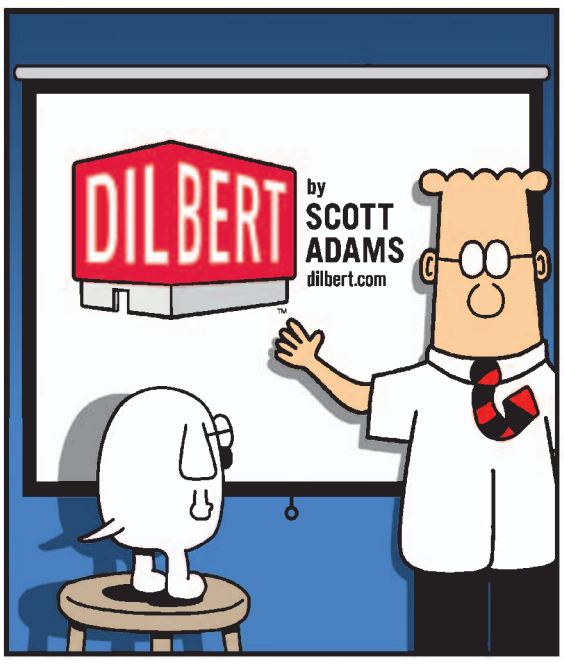

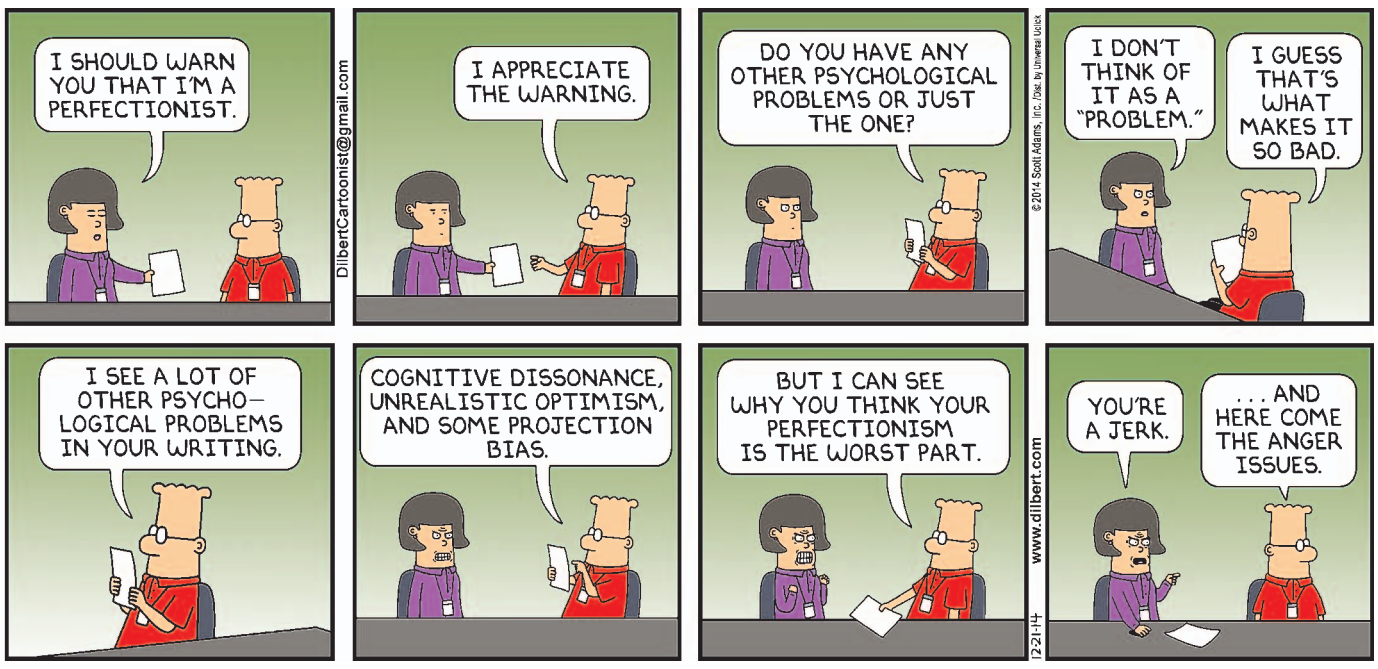

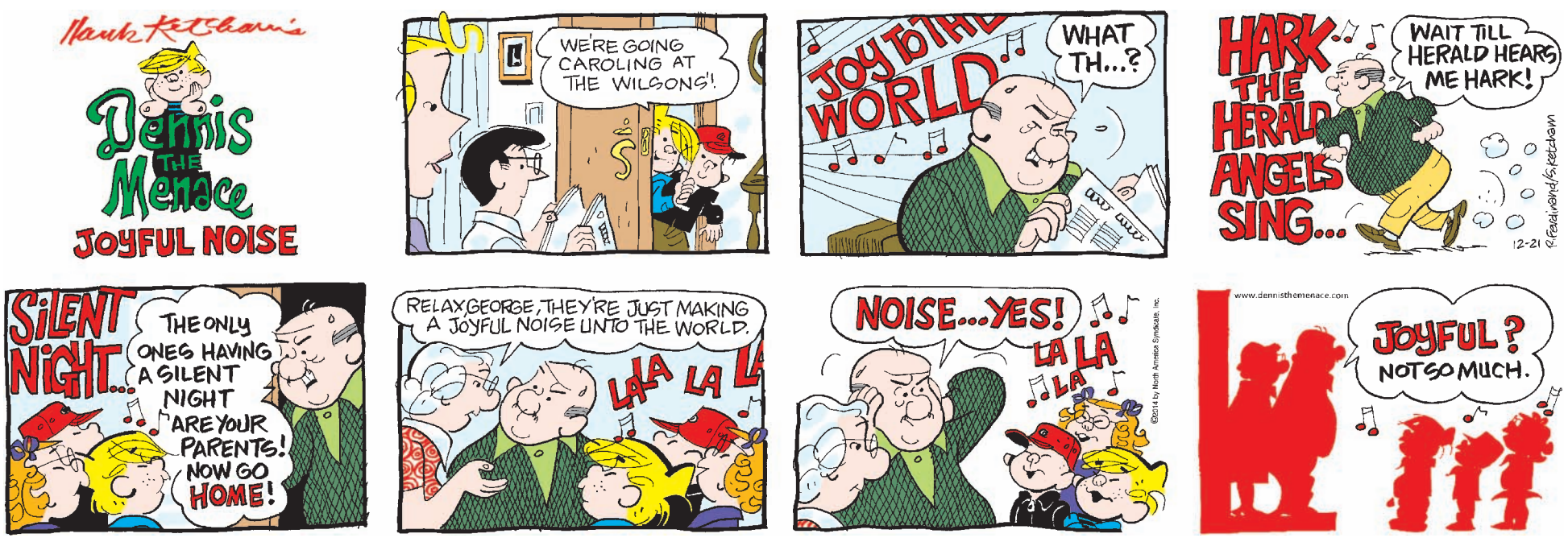

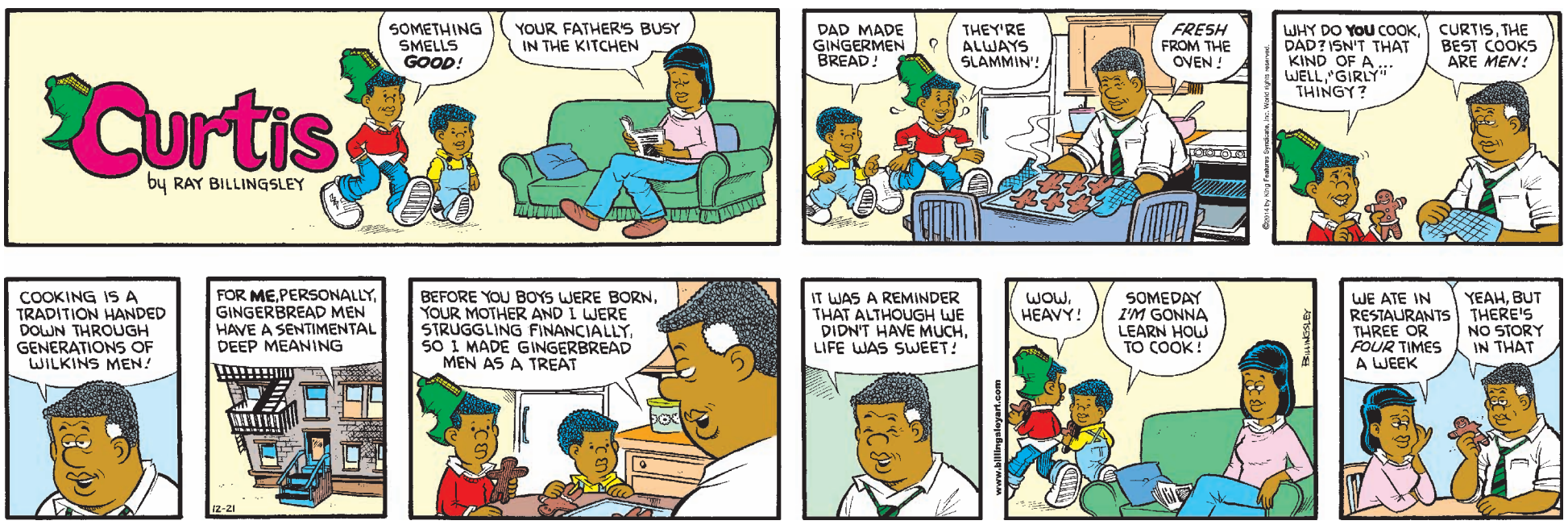

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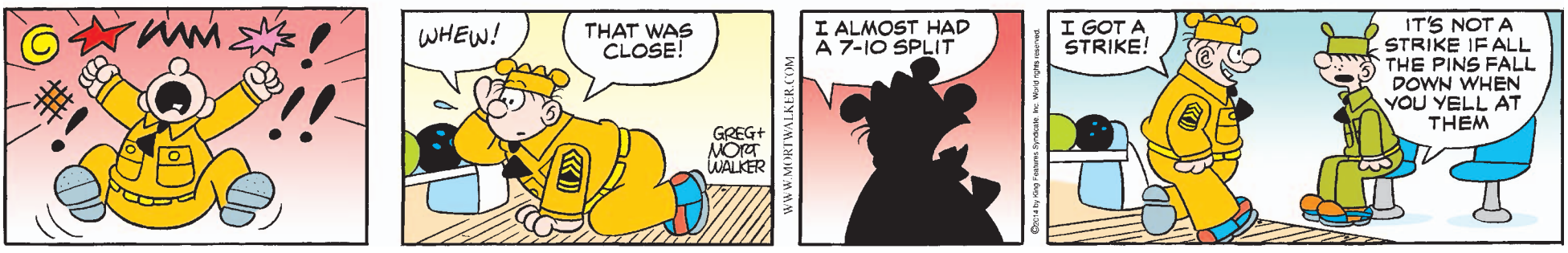

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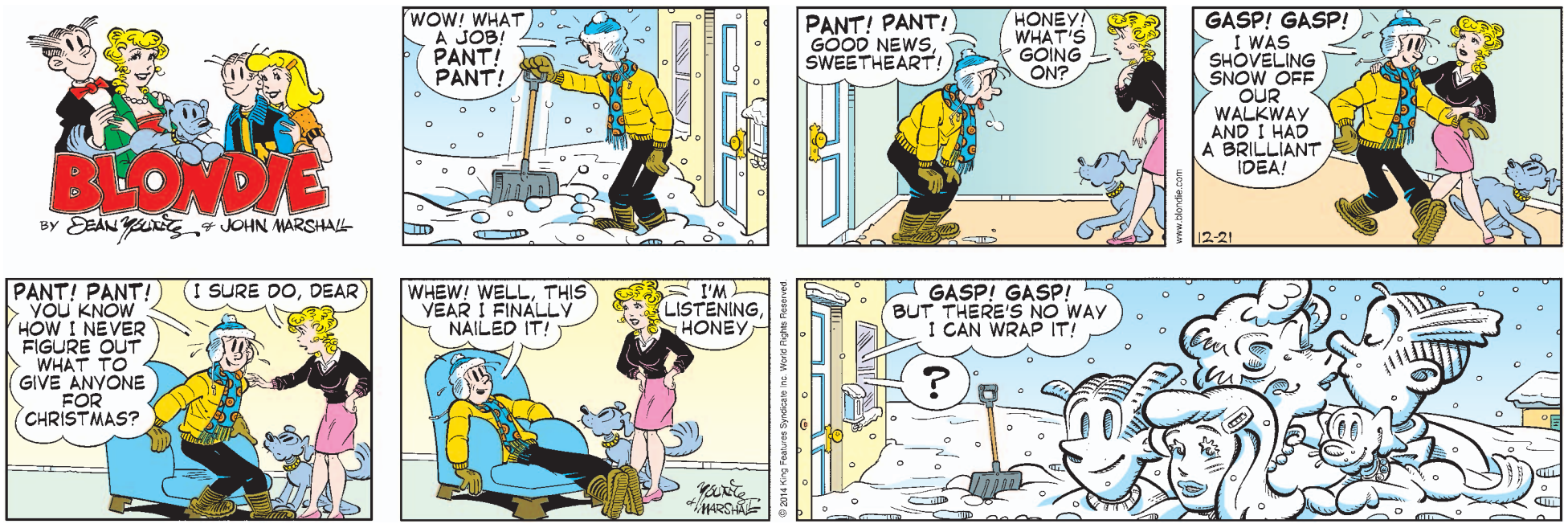

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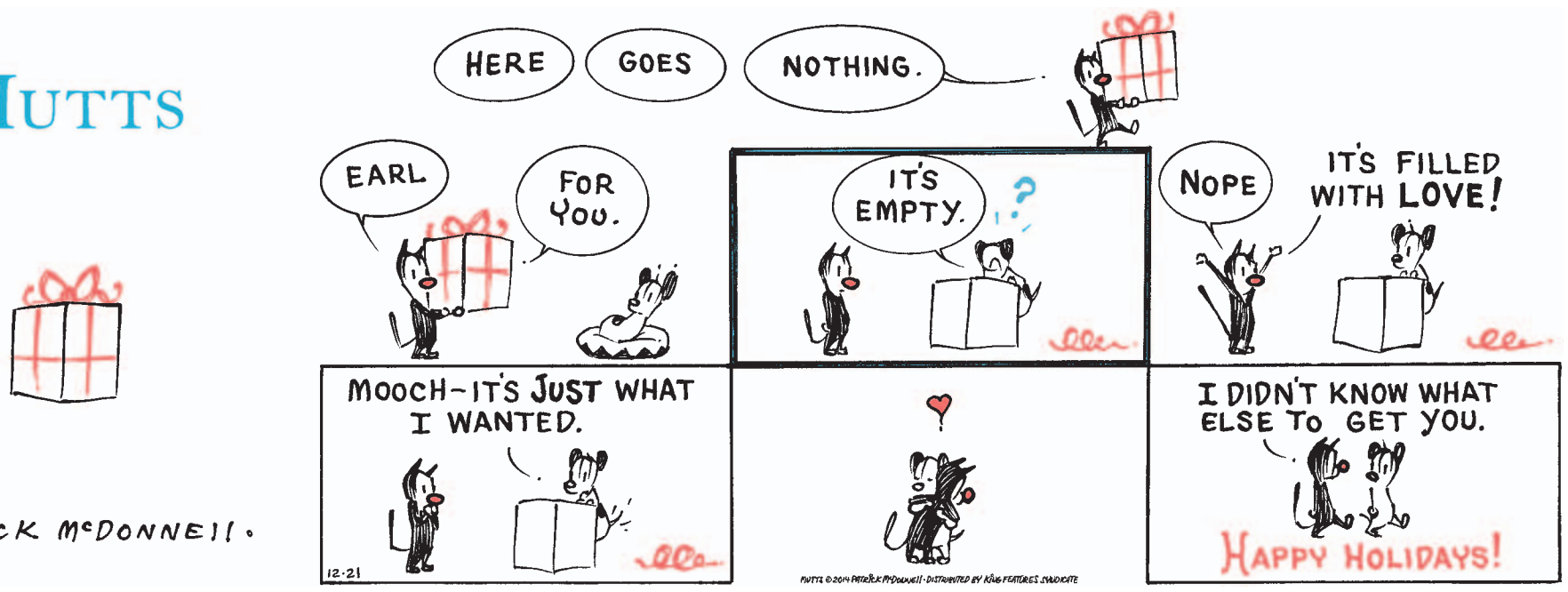

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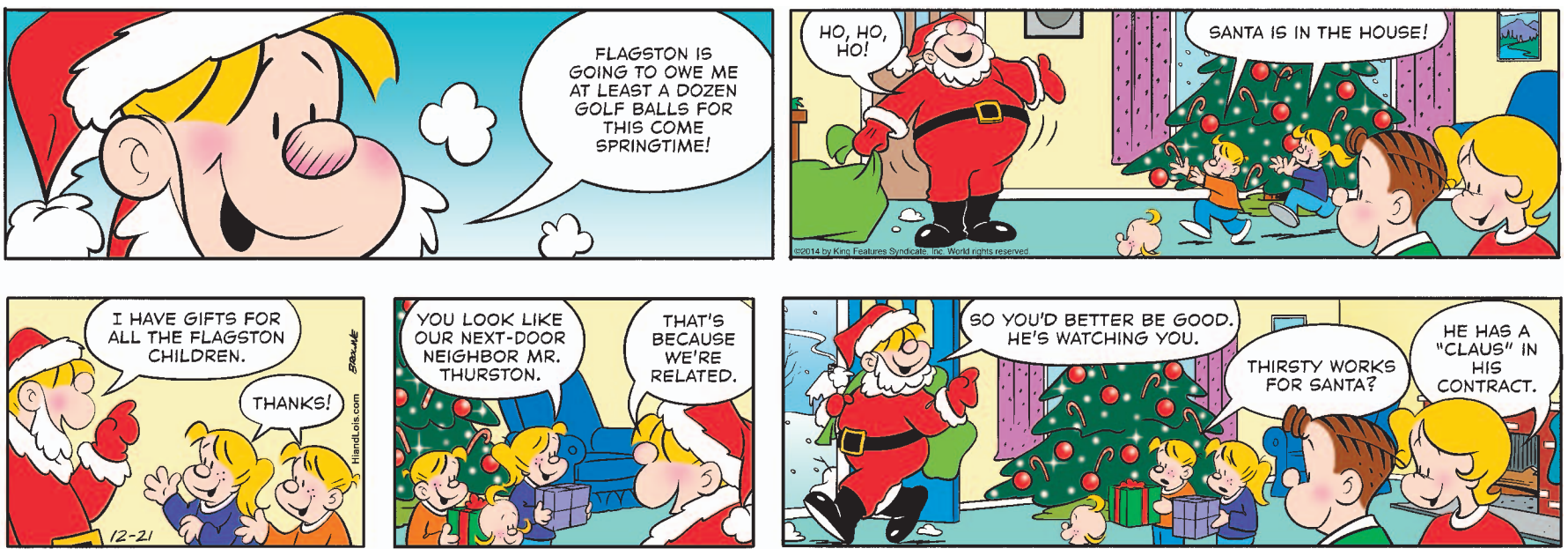

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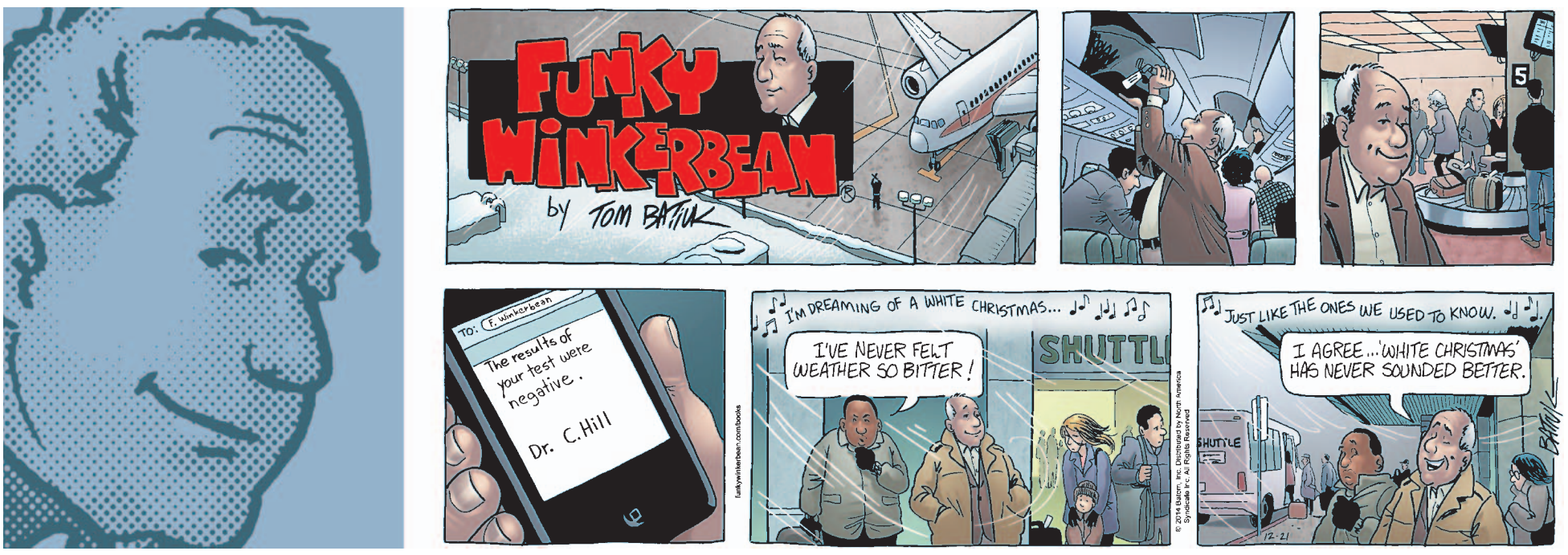

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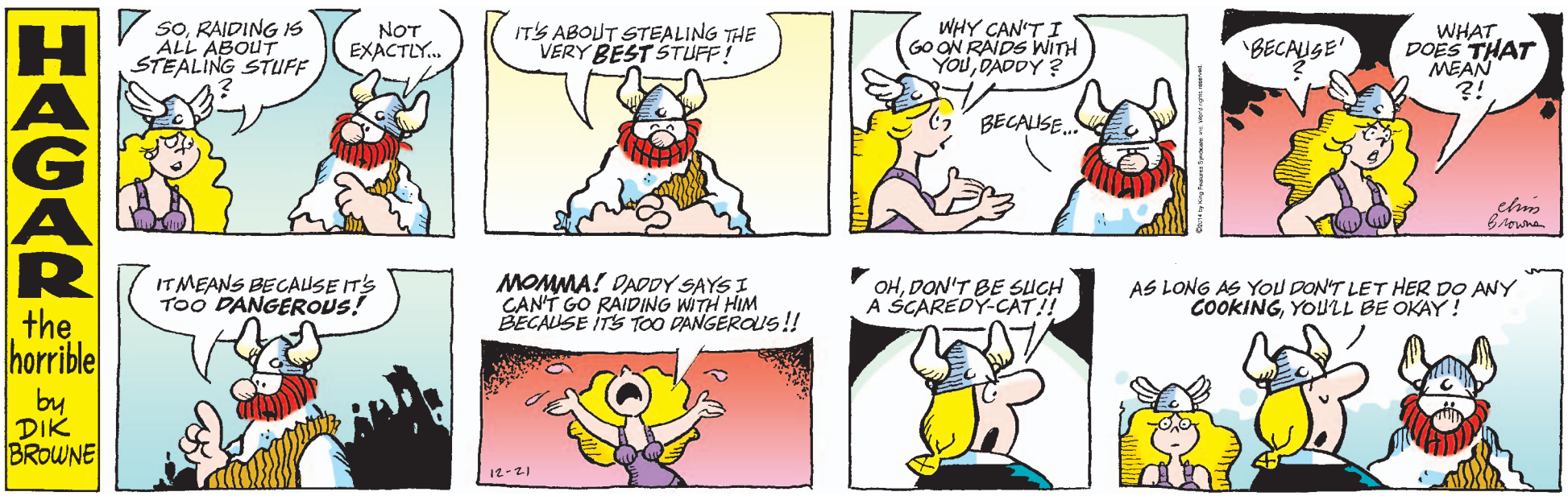

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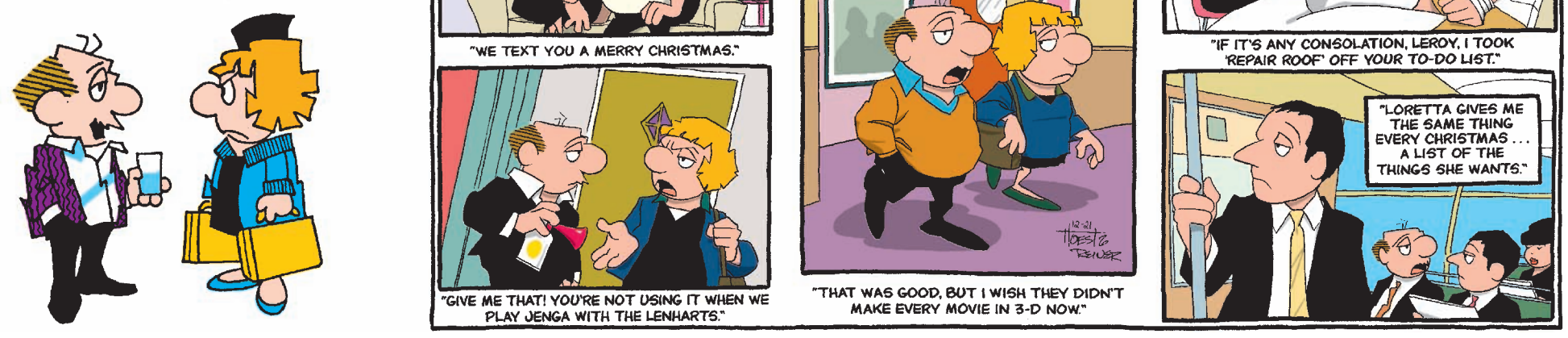

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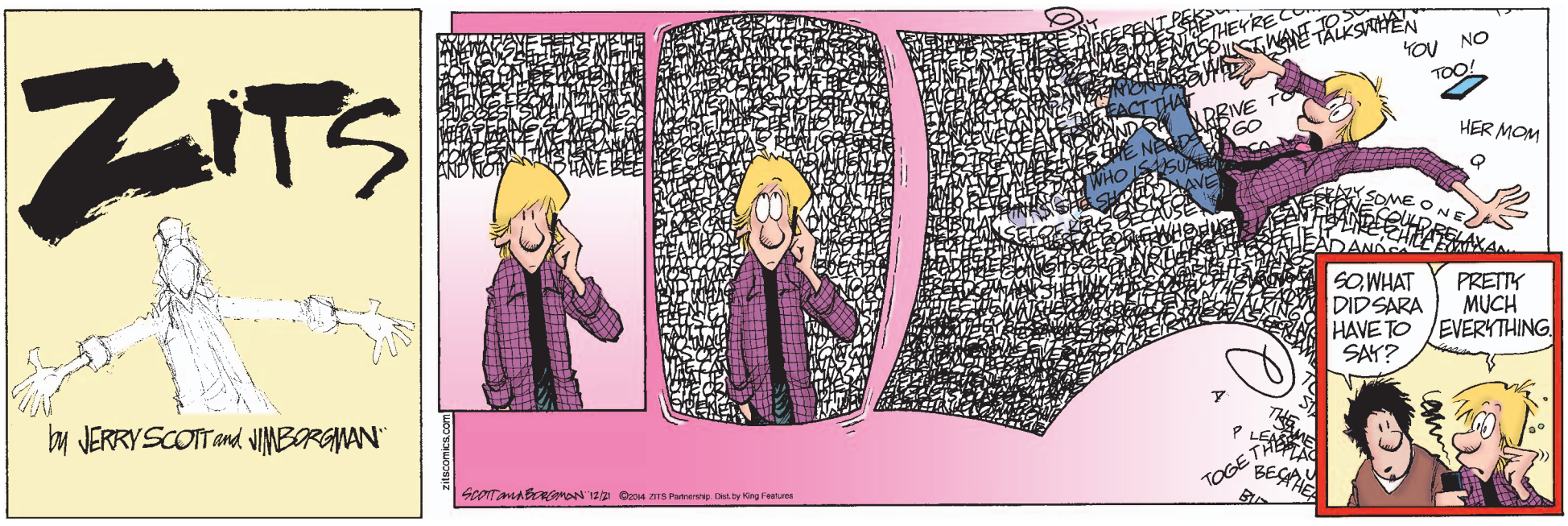

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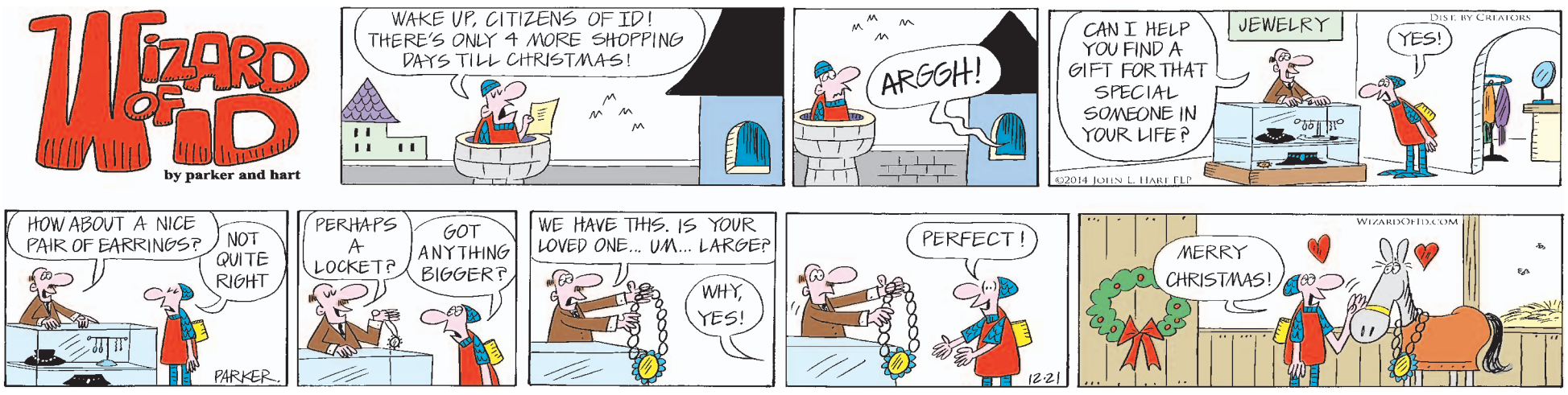

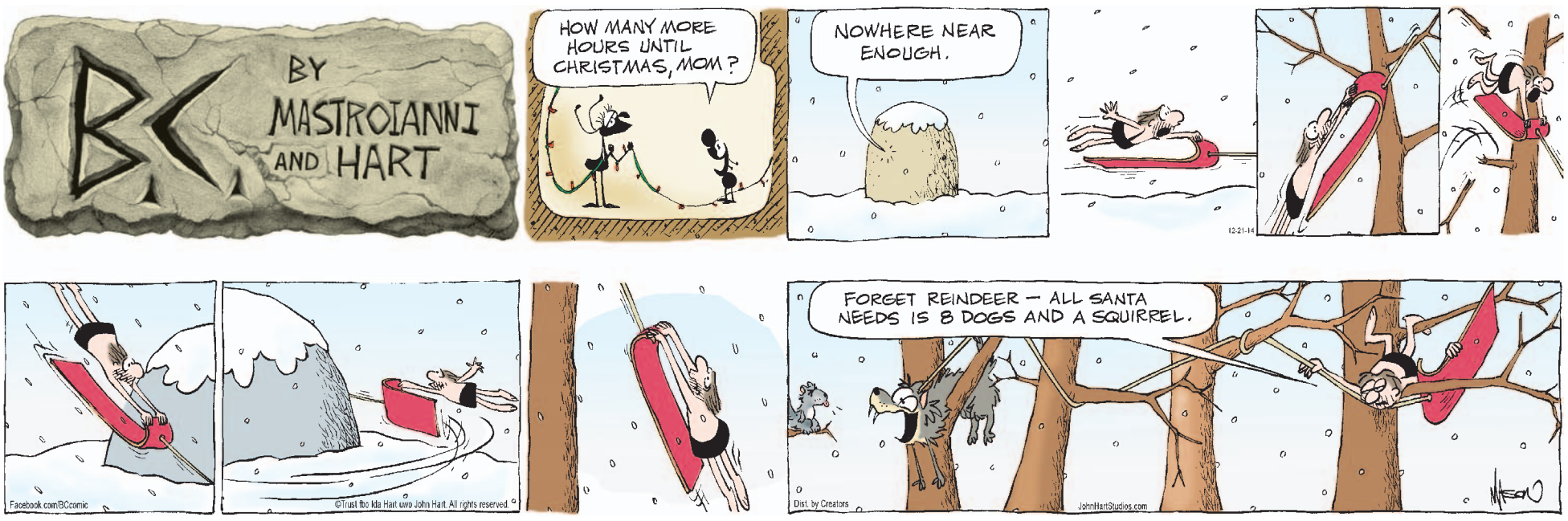
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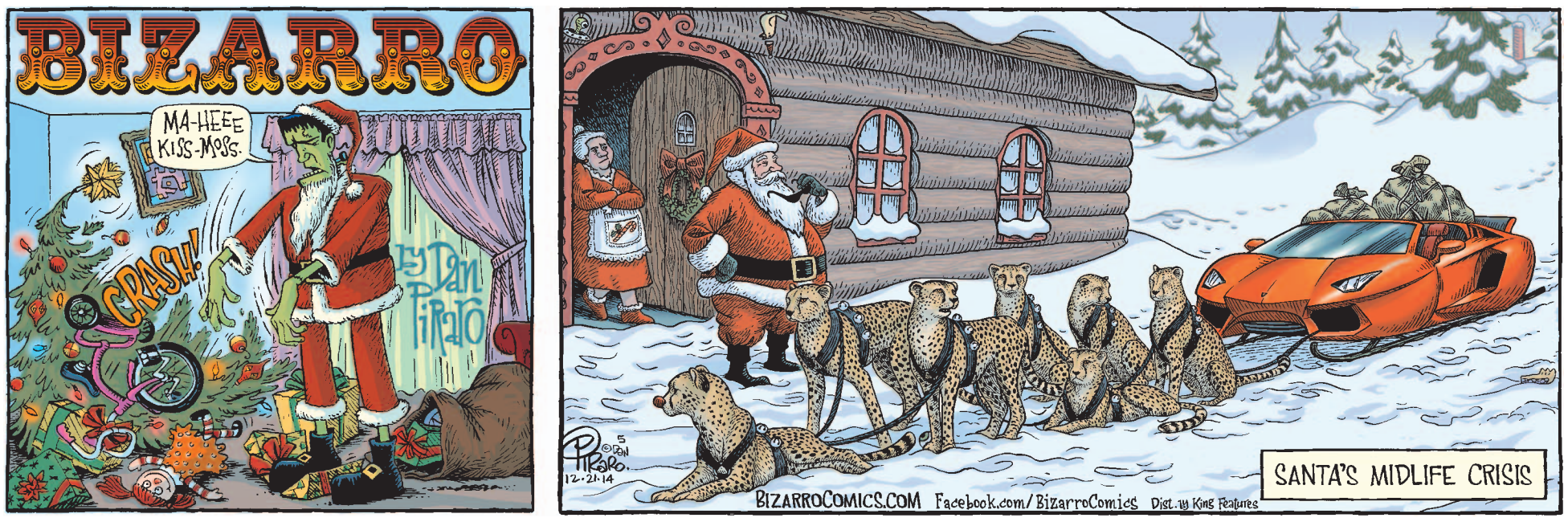
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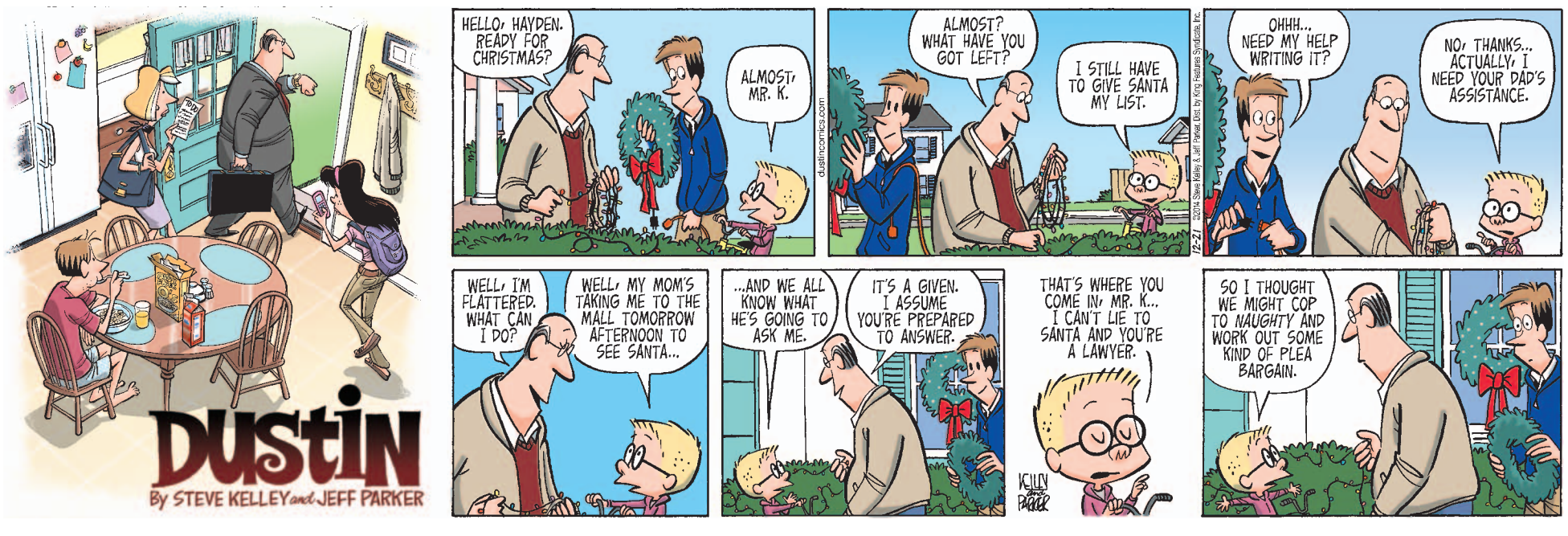
DUSTIN
By STEVE KELLEY and JEFF PARKER
HELLO, HAYDEN. READY FOR CHRISTMAS?
ALMOST, MR. K.
ALMOST? WHAT HAVE YOU GOT LEFT?
I STILL HAVE TO GIVE SANTA MY LIST.
OHHH... NEED MY HELP WRITING IT?
NO, THANKS... ACTUALLY, I NEED YOUR DAD'S ASSISTANCE.
WELL, I'M FLATTERED. WHAT CAN I DO?
WELL, MY MOM'S TAKING ME TO THE MALL TOMORROW AFTERNOON TO SEE SANTA...
...AND WE ALL KNOW WHAT HE'S GOING TO ASK ME.
IT'S A GIVEN. I ASSUME YOU'RE PREPARED TO ANSWER.
THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, MR. K... I CAN'T LIE TO SANTA AND YOU'RE A LAWYER.
SO I THOUGHT WE MIGHT COP TO NAUGHTY AND WORK OUT SOME KIND OF PLEA BARGAIN.
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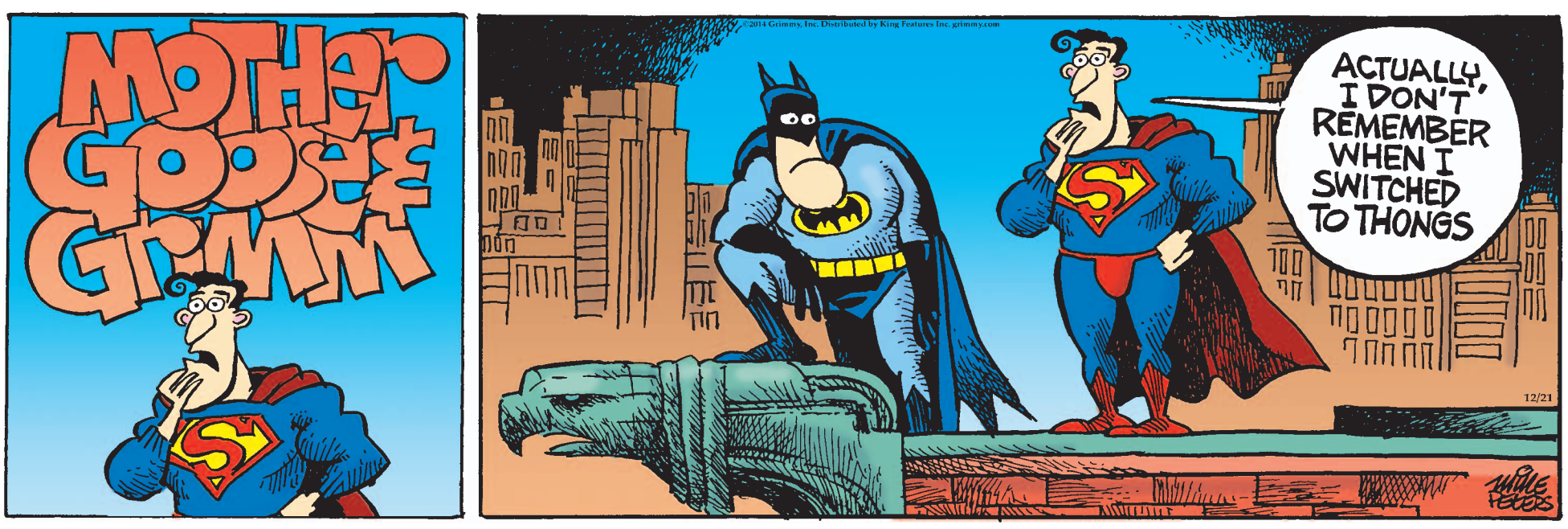
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ACTUALLY, I DON'T REMEMBER WHEN I SWITCHED TO THONGS
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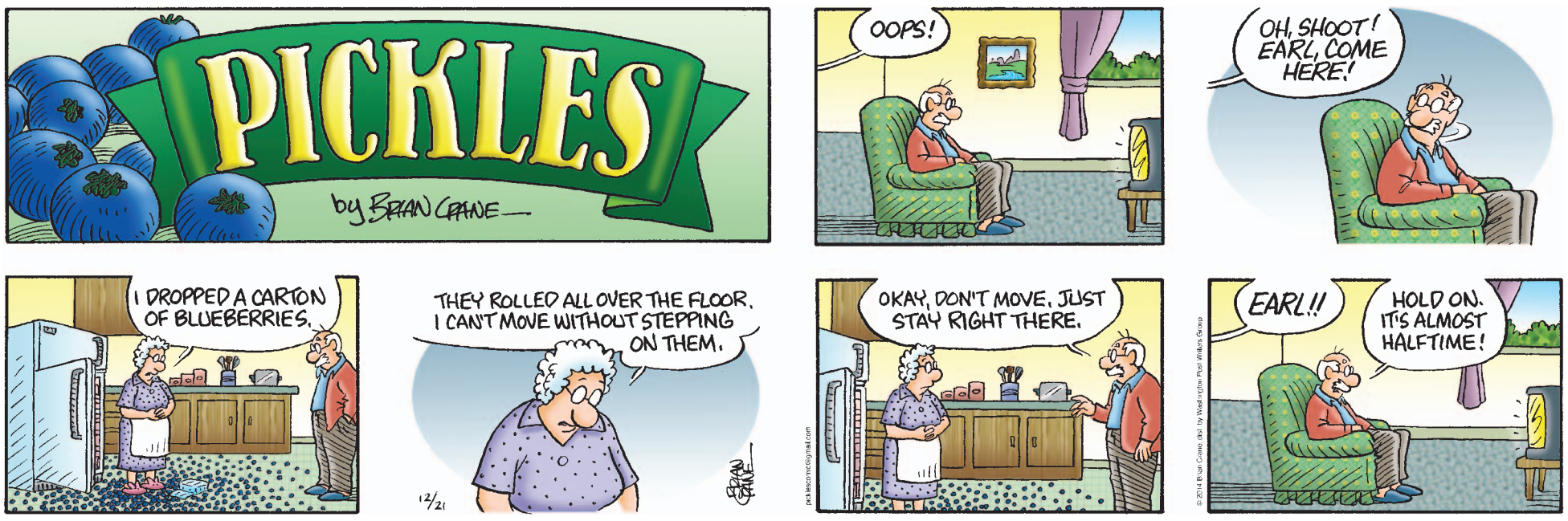
PICKLES
by BRIAN CRANE
OOPS!
OH, SHOOT! EARL, COME HERE!
I DROPPED A CARTON OF BLUEBERRIES.
THEY ROLLED ALL OVER THE FLOOR. I CAN'T MOVE WITHOUT STEPPING ON THEM.
OKAY, DON'T MOVE. JUST STAY RIGHT THERE.
EARL!!
HOLD ON. IT'S ALMOST HALFTIME!
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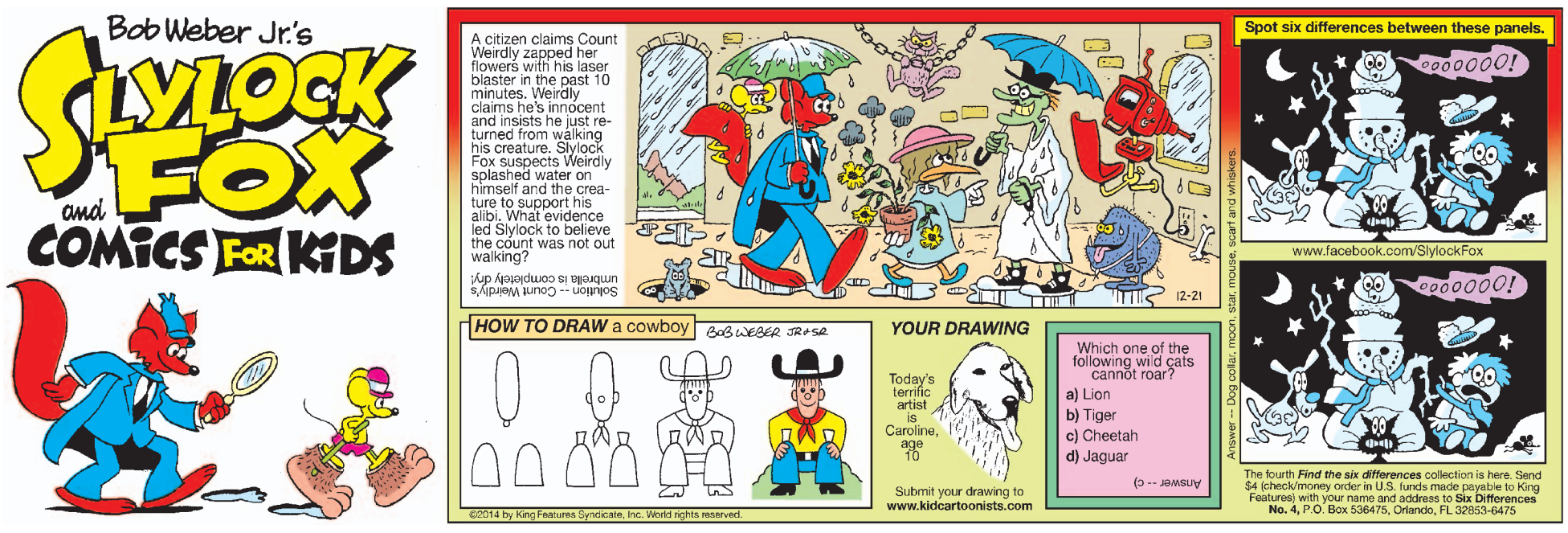
Bob Weber Jr.'s
SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS
A citizen claims Count Weirdly zapped her flowers with his laser blaster in the past 10 minutes. Weirdly claims he's innocent and insists he just returned from walking his creature. Slylock Fox suspects Weirdly splashed water on himself and the creature to support his alibi. What evidence led Slylock to believe the count was not out walking?
Solution -- Count Weirdly's umbrella is completely dry!
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HOW TO DRAW a cowboy
BOB WEBER JR & SR
YOUR DRAWING
Today's terrific artist is Caroline, age 10
Which one of the following wild cats cannot roar?
a) Lion
b) Tiger
c) Cheetah
d) Jaguar
Answer -- c)
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